Senator William Langer, Chairman
The Judiciary Committee
Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C.

Yes

Dear Sir:

Because of the false and harmful impressions created by such an un-American hearing as held in New Orleans on March 18th, 19th and 20th by the Subcommittee on Internal Security, we the undersigned feel called upon to state that in our opinion the South has produced no finer type of American than Aubrey Williams, Myles Horton and James A. Dombrowski, all three loyal, courageous, self-sacrificing men, who have fought and are fighting segregation and discrimination in our country. Smear tactics and witch hunts have long been un-American and we hope will remain so.

We protest the giving consideration to the testimony of such persons as Crouch and Butler when applied to men of the high caliber of those we have mentioned.

This hearing was called ostensibly to investigate the Southern Conference Educational Fund, an agency dedicated to the single purpose of combatting racial discrimination and segregation, but the questions put to the witnessess by the committee counsel had little relevance to the activities of this educational agency. Instead, the questions asked by the counsel were concerned almost exclusively with personal beliefs, opinions and associations of the witnessess in violation of their constitutional rights. This so-called hearing had more of the characteristics of an inquisition than a legitimate, fact-finding legislative function of Congress.

We urge you to permit no holding of inquisitions in our country, especially one-man inquisitions in the South by a man from Mississippi, known to have spoken disparagingly of the Negro soldiers who fought and died for their country and ours.

Respectfully submitted,

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Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt

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Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, Fla.

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(Mrs.) Ethel Clyde

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MEMO for Kirby :
In all the eventful years since you first honored me with your friendship--I think this is the first time for me to ask for a rain-check . When suggesting 19 June to come for the day witha group I "forgot to remember" that June is one of my 2 busiest months with the Council of Churches responsibility. Also that I have a very im-portant unhurried conference with Rausch. Pel leaders etc etc.
In 12 or 14 calls about going the 19th I get only 2 couples who are sure and many who say "oh I want to go, but SC Commencement" or some other conflict. Therefore I want to ask you to release me from 19 June and let me try Sat. 24 th of July PLEASE. I have 4 couples now who feel that it's OK. What do you say for the Pages? Earlier than that date several are away on vacations.
I gather from the info. sheets you are sending out the nature of the discussions will be different from what you have been emphasizing. When over this way lets have a chat about what to day to those I am inviting.

Trying to bring folks from NET Mapt. today

GOD'S LIVING LETTERS

BY KIRBY PAGE

A blind astronomer was describing for us the portion of the heavens which we were seeing through the big telescope. The glass was turned to the rings of Saturn and we listened to an explanation. Our guide through the starry firmament was Dr. Edwin Brant Frost, Director of the Yerkes Observatory at Williams Bay, Wisconsin.

From chidlhood he had poor vision. The loss of his right eye came about twenty years before his death. In another five years a cataract closed his left eye, leaving him with three per cent vision. And soon he was confined within the realm of physical darkness. Yet he continued at his post for more than a decade. Night after night with the assistance of a colleague and the help of a vivid memory, he examined remote points in celestial space.

Dr. Frost's extraordinary memory was the result of much practice. Being warned in advance of impending blindness, he concentrated on the development of this faculty. From dark to daylight, month after month, he had spent the hours in full exposure to the night. There was much to be seen. So vast is the great nebula of Andromeda that light takes 50,000 years to cross it, and so far away that its light requires a million years to reach us. The total number of stars in the entire universe has been estimated at 10,000 million-million-million!

In the words of Immanuel Kant, Dr. Frost could cry out: "We are living in a world which is but a little island of the known, washed on every shore by the vast waters of the unknown." He was filled with holy awe by immensity, distance, precision and beauty. A deeply religious man by training and experience, he could testify, in Longfellow's words: "From the cool cisterns of the midnight air my spirit drank repose; the fountains of perpetual peace flows there,—from those deep cisterns flows."

GOD'S LIVING LETTERS

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In French Equatorial Africa there lives one of the most amazing men ever to walk this earth. Albert Schweitzer is a genius of first rank who is devoting his remarkable talents to a service of compassion among primitive peoples in the primeval forest.

At the age of thirty he decided to study medicine. He had already achieved renown as musician, philosopher, teacher and preacher. He had comfort, privilege and creative opportunity. A brilliant future seemed assured. Deliberately he turned his back on all this. A keen sensitiveness to pain and a strong sense of duty impelled him to prepare himself for the work of a medical missionary in Africa. He felt obliged to express his Christian convictions in a ministry of mercy.

At the end of seven years he completed his medical preparation. He had earned the degrees of Doctor of Medicine, Doctor of Music, Doctor of Philosophy, Doctor of Theology. When he and his wife first landed on the banks of the River Ogowe in 1913, no hospital building was awaiting him. For months his operating room was a windowless broken-roofed chicken-house. He had to carry responsibility as physician, surgeon, carpenter, architect, administrator, arbitrator, preacher, teacher. And the climate is that of the equator at a low altitude!

The doctor's reward is revealed in this experience. The operation is finished and the patient's pain is gone. "His hand feels for mine and will not let it go. Then I begin to tell him and the others who are in the room that it is the Lord Jesus who has told the doctor and his wife to come to the Ogowe. The African sun is shining through the coffee bushes into the dark shed, but we, black and white, sit side by side and feel that we know by experience the meaning of the words: 'And all ye are brethren.'"

GOD'S LIVING LETTERS

BY KIRBY PAGE

A deaf man composed the world's noblest music. It has been said of Ludwig von Beethoven that "his colossal genius has never been equaled in the world of music." Yet all his greatest works were produced after his hearing was entirely gone.

His musical talent was inherited. From an early age he was forced by his father to practice long hours daily on the piano and the violin. At fourteen he had achieved renown as a performer and as a composer. By his twenty-fifth year he had composed three hundred works. He was to die at the early age of fifty-six, yet so stupendous was his output that his complete works fill thirty-eight volumes.

Few men have ever concentrated so massively as Beethoven did upon his compositions. He would shut himself off from the outside world for weeks at a time. Much of his best work was done in the open forests near Vienna. Sometimes in his room he worked as if in a trance, oblivious of everything except his musical ideas.

Many musical critics consider Beethoven's Ninth the greatest of all symphonies. When it was first performed in Vienna in 1824, its composer had been deaf for more than a quarter of a century. At the conclusion of the final chorus, the whole house rocked with wild applause. Everybody joined in the jubilation, that is everybody except the composer. Beethoven was seen with his back to the audience, eyes intent upon his score, too deaf to hear even the prolonged acclaim.

In his ascent to the pinnacle Beethoven climbed over many formidable barriers. His father was a drunkard, his mother died early, his own health was wretched, he was cursed with a terrible temper, he worried constantly about money. But his immortal music will enrich all the generations yet to be born.

Dear Friend:

Your church may publish "God's Living Letters" daily or weekly in your local newspaper, or on the Saturday church page of your daily newspaper, with the caption beneath the column: "Provided by (name of your church, or names of two or more churches, or name of ministerial association.)"

In this way you will make available these inspirational readings to many people who do not attend church, and at the same time be able to advertise your church.

No charge is made for printing this material, but my hope is that a nominal payment of one dollar per week will be made to help defray the substantial expense incurred during the many, many mmonths required to make the necessary research and to write these character sketches.

There will be 365 or more from which you may select the ones you like best. Upon request I will send additional columns for examination.

Cordially,

Kirby Page

La Habra, California,
Box 247

Expect Great Things From God! Attempt Great Things For God!

A SPIRITUAL EXPLORATION

A Search Through Prayer Retreats For Answers To Two Questions

Every thoughtful person is aware of the sickness of our society. Everywhere there is confusion, maladjustment, tension, suspicion, fear, and conflict. Beyond the broken homes registered in divorce courts are countless families rent by bitter quarrels and unloving relationships. Many young people are haunted by a sense of insecurity and a feeling of futility in life. Across racial lines there is much hostility, and the economic arena often resembles a battlefield. The political scene sometimes brings a feeling of nausea, while nations are hovering on the brink of hydrogen warfare. Civil liberties are widely scorned, and many teachers are filled with timidity. And sometimes the message of the Prince of Peace is proclaimed in a nearly inaudible whisper.

Prompted by realization of urgent need, a spontaneous movement has arisen in Southern California and Arizona among ministers of many religious bodies who are planning a search for answers to two questions: HOW CAN WE FIND THE WILL OF GOD? HOW CAN WE GET POWER TO DO IT? What does God want us to do in the home, in personal relations, in the neighborhood, in race relations, in economic life, in political affairs, in international relations? How can we get power to live the way God wants us to live all the time?

Ministers with the cooperation of lay leaders will inaugurate a series of unhurried PRAYER RETREATS in their local churches or homes of members. Experience has shown conclusively the value of SEVERAL HOURS of sustained fellowship, conversation and prayer. The local minister will meet successively with different groups of ten to twenty-five of his members for prolonged exchange of perplexities and problems, and for an earnest search for answers and God's power.

TIME OF THE RETREATS

1. Some ministers will use Sunday afternoon and evening from 2 to 9 with different groups on successive weeks for this prayerful conversation.
2. In some cases different groups of ten to twenty-five will remain after the morning service on successive Sundays for dinner at the church, or in a home, and remain together until 6 o'clock.
3. Some ministers will meet with different groups on ~~Saturday~~ Sunday afternoon and evening from 2 to 9.
4. Frequent use will be made of the supper fellowship and long evening of sustained conversation and prayer.
5. Groups of mothers will meet from 10 A.M. to 2 or 3 P. M. on weekdays. Various groups of women will come, in small companies, at these hours.

UTMOST EMPHASIS SHOULD BE GIVEN TO THE FLEXIBILITY AND INFORMALITY OF THE EXPLORATION. No pattern will be presented and no stanardized procedure suggested.

COMMENDATION OF THE EXPLORATION

The Spiritual Expleration is being commended to the ministers and churches of the nation by:

James C. Baker, Bishop, Methodist Church
Maurice G. Ballenger, Methodist Superintendent of San Diego District
Gene E. Bartlett, First Baptist Church, Los Angeles

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William Samuel Meyer, Immanuel Presbyterian Church, Los Angeles

THE NATURE OF THE SEARCH

This will be a search primarily not for answers to specific questions, but for WAYS of discovering what is right in God's sight in every relationship, and for POWER to live as God is yearning for us to live.

It is expected that during the weeks of these Prayer Retreats the minister will preach a series of sermons on these two questions.

In some cases the Retreats will be prepared for by visitation two by two to homes of members, interpreting the Exploration and enrolling individuals for the Retreats. Experiments will be made in enlisting youth groups, adult classes, women's societies, men's clubs and other agencies of the local church in the search in their regular meetings. Also these groups may come in a body to Prayer Retreats.

WAYS OF ASSEMBLING THE RETREATS

1. Some ministers will begin with the church board divided into small groups on successive weeks.
2. Some will assemble four groups of the board on successive weeks, and then meet with these same groups monthly for three months.
3. Some will bring together natural age groups.

4. Some will give especial attention to Sunday School teachers and leaders of youth fellowships.

5. Some will endeavor to expose the entire church membership to the experience of an extended Prayer Retreat.

In Southern California, after the Spiritual Exploration has been under way for several weeks, participating ministers are to meet for an exchange of experiences at THE FIRST METHODIST CHURCH, WHITTIER, Bailey and Friends, on NOVEMBER 5th, from 2 to 5 P.M.

THE EXPECTATION

1. It is expected that the Spiritual Exploration will bring fresh vitality to those who take part.

2. Increase the number and zest of continuing sharing groups which meet regularly for the facing of acute problems in prayerful conversation and with much prayer.

3. Establish the unhurried Prayer Retreat as a PERMANENT PART of the work of the local church.

4. Be of great value to the minister also.

5. In these ways, by deepening communion with God and bringing about warmer fellowship among members of the church, intensify desire to know and to do the will of God, bring clearer guidance from God, strengthen faith, instil courage, and nurture perseverance.

THE EMPLOYMENT OF A MINISTER FOR THIS PURPOSE

Church boards are invited to consider the possibility of employing a special minister for the important function of giving most of his time to prolonged conversation and prayer with sharing groups. One possibility is to select a minister whose health does not permit strenuous activity, or a retired minister with rich experience.

Insert

TWO NEW BOOKS

Two little books are being written for the Spiritual Exploration by an interdenominational group composed of:

Galen B. Ogden

Gene E. Bartlett	Owen M. Geer	Kirby Page
Russell E. Clay	Allan A. Hunter	Ray W. Ragsdale
John W. Flucke	Albert E. Jenkins	Carl W. Segarhammar
Wesley P. Ford	Robert A. McAulay	Robert S. Vogel

One of these books will be entitled THE WILL OF GOD: How Can We Find It and Get Power To Do It? with an Introduction by Bishop Gerald Kennedy.

The other one is THE CHRISTIAN CITIZEN: Co-worker With God In Building The Good Society.

MINISTERS WHO ARE PLANNING TO PARTICIPATE

E. Dow Hoffman
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Concerned ministers across the nation should take the initiative in talking with their fellow ministers about the Spirit Exploration, and in presenting it for consideration by ministers' meetings and church councils.

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3. **What church publication shows your standing and on what page does your name appear?** 1952 Year Book p. 303
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4. **Are you ordained or licensed? State which** ordained
(The term "Ordained" includes those who are fully empowered without any restrictions to (a) perform marriage ceremonies, (b) administer the sacrament, (c) bury the dead and (d) baptize. Applicants who are authorized to preach but not empowered to perform the other functions are considered as "licensed.")

5. **Do you receive salary, collections or free-will offerings; or donations annually or otherwise? State which** offerings

6. **Are you engaged exclusively in religious work the entire year?** yes **If not, state by letter the nature of secular work you are doing.**

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(The sale of church literature or song books and lecturing on Chatauqua circuits are considered secular work.)

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10. **When applicant is a woman state if married** **If married, state nature of business in which husband is engaged**
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I hereby certify on honor that I am not, at any time of the year, engaged in any work outside of religious circles, also that the answers to the foregoing questions were written with my own hand and are the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth. I recognize the right of the Clergy Bureau to decline to issue a Certificate without explanation as to reasons therefor and hereby accept and agree to be governed by each and all of the rules printed in this application and in Western Clergy Fare Certificate. I also relieve the Clergy Bureau of any responsibility for the safe return of any credentials or other papers submitted by me.

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Kirby Page
(Signature of applicant. Write name plainly with pen and ink. If woman prefix Mrs. or Miss)

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I certify that applicant is personally known to me, and that I know the above answers to be correct in every particular.

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IMPORTANT—TO EXPEDITE HANDLING THIS APPLICATION, APPLICANT SHOULD PRINT PLAINLY MAILING ADDRESS REQUIRED IN THE TWO COUPONS BELOW.

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MEMO for Kirby -- Alma

This morning at First Bapt , Pasadena Charlie Bell got a unanimous "call" to be our minister. When I see you we will discuss one phase of it. Prospects are bright for an enlarging future.

So far 9 couples have indictaed they plan to come at 10 on 24th. Hope heat does not continue and 'bother' the timid.
As we understand from Marie and both of you you really prefer to serve a four-bit meal.
If otherwise do advise SOON.

Joyfully

Gayle

2454 Lambert Dr
Pasadena 8, Calif.

Dr Kirby Page
La Habra, Calif.

Dear Dr. Page,

You may remember that at the time you spoke to the Los Angeles C.F.O. group I asked you if it would be possible for you to speak to the Alhambra C.F.O. group on August 7, meeting at the First Presbyterian Church in Alhambra, Russell Mentis, Pastor. The group is following a policy not to give honoraria to any of its speakers, so I am unable to offer you anything except an attentive, receptive audience. You suggested that we might come to your home for that meeting, but the group feels that it should remain in its regular meeting place

because guests & new comers are frequently joining us.

We sincerely hope that your schedule will permit you to be with us. We wish to have you speak at 8 o'clock, following a half hour song period at 7:30. We hope you can be with us for the supper at 6 o'clock also. Our afternoon program begins at 4 P.M. with a brief Meditation followed by a period of Creative Art, and prayer groups from 5 to 6 P.M.

We hope to hear from you and know the subject of your talk so that we may attune the whole days' activities to your subject.

Sincerely

Adeline H. Wright

A SPIRITUAL EXPLORATION

An Urgent Endeavor to Gain Insight and Power

After many hours of fellowship in prayer and discussion, the following Methodist ministers have decided to begin a special search on World Communion Sunday, October 3, 1954 - Carl Beharka, Harold Cary, Russell Clay, Owen Geer, Frank Gray, Arthur Harrington, Gerald Harvey, Will Hildebrand, Thatcher Jordan, Frank Matthews, Oscar Newby, Ray Ragsdale, Clark Robbins, George Root, Randall Scott, Norman Taylor, Frank Toothaker, L. L. White, Frank Williams, Edgar Zimmerman, Gil Zimmerman.

The plan is to inagurate a series of unhurried Prayer Retreats on Sunday afternoon and evening, possibly alternating on Saturday afternoon and evening. The minister will meet successively with groups of ten to forty of his members for six or seven hours of prayer and discussion of two supremely important questions: HOW CAN WE FIND THE WILL OF GOD? HOW CAN WE GET POWER TO DO IT?

This will be a search primarily not for answers to specific questions but for WAYS of discovering what is right in God's sight in every relationship, and for POWER to live as God yearns for us to live. It is expected that during the weeks of these Prayer Retreats the minister will preach a series of sermons on these vital questions. In some cases the Retreats will be prepared for by visitation two by two to the home of members, interpreting the purpose of the Exploration and enrolling individuals for the Retreats. Experiments will be made in enlisting youth groups, adult classes, women's societies, men's clubs and other agencies of the local church in the search. Various ways will be used in assembling the Prayer Retreats: some ministers will begin with church boards divided into small groups on successive Sundays or Saturdays, some will bring together natural age groups, some will endeavor to expose the entire church membership to the experience of an extended Prayer Retreat.

Ministers participating in the Spiritual Exploration are to meet with Russell Clay in Whittier on October 29th, from 2 to 5, to exchange experiences and plan for the future of the Exploration.

It is hoped and expected that the Spiritual Exploration will bring new spiritual vitality into the life of the church, increase the number and zest of continuing prayer-study groups, and establish the unhurried Prayer Retreat as a permanent part of the work of the church.

Other Methodists and ministers of other religious bodies are urged to experiment with various methods of making use of all-day fellowships of prayer and searching. A special book for this Spiritual Exploration is being prepared by an interdenominational group and will be ready for use in October. Send orders well in advance to your religious publishing house for copies of the inexpensive little book: THE WILL OF GOD: How Do We Find It and Get Power To Do It?

The Spiritual Exploration grows out of an awareness of the urgent and desperate need of Christians these days to be able to find out what is right and to gain power to do it - in the home, in other personal relations, in economic life, in race relations, in politics and world affairs. A serious effort is being made to find more efficacious ways of living creatively and abundantly in an age of confusion, suspicion, fear and conflict.

THE CHRISTIAN CITIZEN

CO-WORKER WITH GOD
IN BUILDING THE GOOD SOCIETY

BY
(IF THEY AGREE)

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CHAPTER I

CHRISTIAN FOUNDATIONS OF CITIZENSHIP

EVERY INDIVIDUAL ON THIS EARTH IS PRECIOUS IN THE SIGHT OF GOD AND IS ESSENTIAL TO THE COMPLETION OF THE DIVINE PURPOSE. LONG AGO ST. AUGUSTINE PRAYED: "O GOD, THOU HAST MADE US FOR THYSELF, AND WE CAN NEVER REST UNTIL WE REST IN THEE." WE NEED GOD URGENTLY AND EVEN DESPERATELY. BUT THE OTHER SIDE OF ST. AUGUSTINE'S PRAYER IS THE TRUTH THAT GOD CAN NEVER REST UNTIL HE WINS OUR COMPANIONSHIP AND COOPERATION IN FULFILLING HIS HOLY PURPOSE. URGENTLY HE NEEDS US.

GOD IS LOVE. HE IS OUR HEAVENLY FATHER AND CAN NEVER BE FULLY HIMSELF IN ISOLATION. A PARENT LONGS FOR COMPANIONSHIP AND REQUIRES HELP IN BUILDING A JOYOUS HOME. LONELINESS COMES WHEN LOVE IS IGNORED OR REJECTED. IT IS SOBERING TO REFLECT UPON THE NUMBER OF GOD'S CHILDREN AROUND THIS WIDE EARTH WHO PAY NO ATTENTION TO HIM AND NEVER TURN TO HIM EAGERLY IN REVERENCE AND GRATITUDE. ADDITIONAL MILLIONS OF US DO MAKE AN EFFORT TO PLEASE HIM, BUT BRING GRIEF TO HIS HEART BY OUR LUKEWARMNESS AND TIMES OF FORGETFULNESS AND REBELLION AGAINST HIS LOVING WILL.

IN THE BOOK OF ROMANS WE READ OF THE LONELINESS AND GRIEF OF GOD. REFLECT UPON THESE WORDS: "WE KNOW THAT THE WHOLE CREATION HAS BEEN GROANING IN TRAVAIL UNTIL NOW...LIKEWISE THE SPIRIT HELPS US IN OUR WEAKNESS; FOR WE DO NOT KNOW HOW TO PRAY AS WE OUGHT, BUT THE SPIRIT HIMSELF INTERCEDES FOR US WITH SIGHS TOO DEEP FOR WORDS."

LONG AGO HOSEA UNDERSTOOD GOD TO SAY:

> WHEN ISRAEL WAS A CHILD, I LOVED HIM,
> AND OUT OF EGYPT I CALLED MY SON.
> THE MORE I CALLED THEM,
> THE MORE THEY WENT FROM ME;
> THEY KEPT SACRIFICING TO THE BAALS,
> AND BURNING INCENSE TO IDOLS.
> YET IT WAS I WHO TAUGHT EPHRAIM TO WALK,
> I TOOK THEM UP IN MY ARMS;
> BUT THEY DID NOT KNOW THAT I HEALED THEM.
> I LED THEM WITH CORDS OF COMPASSION,
> WITH BANDS OF LOVE,
> AND I BECAME TO THEM AS ONE
> WHO EASES THE YOKE ON THEIR JAWS
> AND I BENT DOWN TO THEM AND FED THEM...
> HOW CAN I GIVE YOU UP, O EPHRAIM!
> HOW CAN I HAND YOU OVER, O ISRAEL!

GOD NEEDS MORE THAN COMPANIONSHIP, HE REQUIRES HELP. IN HIS INFINITE WISDOM, HE HAS PLACED RESPONSIBILITY UPON HIS CHILDREN AND DEPENDS UPON THEIR COOPERATION. LOVE IN ITS NATURE IS MUTUAL. A FATHER ALONE CANNOT BUILD A JOYOUS HOME. HE MUST DO HIS PART AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE HOUSEHOLD MUST DO THEIR PART. SEE THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS TRUTH AS YOU REFLECT UPON A HUNGRY BABY. GOD KNOWS

Kirby: We plan to sail the middle of September 1955 from Los Angeles on the President Cleveland for 3 months of cruising in Japan, Korea & Hong Kong. Maybe I can see Dodge with you on your hilltop and could you drive Louise & me to the Ship?

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RELIGION IN LIFE

BY KIRBY PAGE

Felix Mendelssohn Left the World A Rich Musical Heritage

Felix Mendelssohn was born in 1809 in Hamburg, Germany, and died in 1847.

His grandfather was the famous Jewish philosopher, Moses Mendelssohn, and his father was a wealthy banker. The family became Protestant Christians and Felix was confirmed as a Lutheran.

He recived excellent musical instruction and made his first public appearance as a pianist at the age of nine. When 12 he began to compose, and in one year produced 60 selections. By the age of 15 he had produced opera, symphony, chamber music and choruses. As a conductor he received acclamation, and was appointed musical director at Desseldorf; he was one of the founders of the Leipsig Conservatory; was appointed choirmaster to the kings of Prussia and Saxony; conducted the London Philharmoic Orchestra.

"Elijah" Scored Triumph

With ample means and a reputation of distinction, he traveled widely, moved in the highest circles and formed notable friendships. At the age of 28 he was married and found much happiness in his home. In 1846 came his supreme triumph at the Birmingham Music Festival when "Elijah" was received with acclamation. "It is difficult at this time to realize the impression the production created in the world of music."

Always an energetic worker and affilicted with bad health, he literally wore himself out and died at the early age of 38. In his own personal qualities, he must be thought of as a great man; as a composer he possessed genius of a high order; as organist, pianist and conductor he was renowned.

It is pleasant to reflect upon the beneficent influence of this gifted soul, to envisage the numberless thousands of men and women, boys and girls, into whose lives inspiration and joy has flowed because of the fidelity with which Felix Mendelssohn used his exhalted talents.

Meet to Consider National Problems

A conference on national and international problems was being held today at the Women's City lub under the auspices of the eland Conference on Christian n.

ers were: Dr. Alfred Holz, r of political science at Reserve University; Dr. Horton, professor of re- erlin Graduate School nd Dr. William Hell- professor of eco-

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CHURCH WELCOMES NEW MINISTER

Rev. Russell R. Camp, above, is the new minister of Madison Avenue Baptist Church, Madison Ave. and W. 95th St. Before coming here, Rev. Mr. Camp was engaged in evangelistic work with headquarters in Tioga, Pa. Earlier he was pastor of five Pennsylvania churches. He lives at 2015 W. 95th St.

Presbyterian

BOSWORTH Flower & Bosworth (W. 115 between Lorain & Bellaire)
9:15 A. M. Church School
10:50 Church School for Ages 3-8
10:50 A. M. MORNING WORSHIP
Sermon: "CHRIST AND OUR HOMES"

Old Stone
Public Square
10:45 A. M.
"AS ONE WHOM HIS MOTHER COMFORTETH"
DR. WHYTE
(Nursery During Worship)
(Service Broadcast 11-12 WHK 1420 for Shut-ins)
7:45 P. M.
"Molehills Out Of Mountains"
MR. VOLPITTO
Noonday Services
Monday through Friday
12:15 to 12:35 P. M.
(Carillon and Organ Prelude 12 M. to 12:15 P. M.)
Carillon Programs Daily 5:30 P. M.

Nazarene
First Church of the Nazarene
Hayden Ave. at Claiborne Rd., E. C.
James E. Hunton, Pastor
Vesy Stemm, Minister of Music
9:30 Sun. School
10:45 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Worship
Wed. 7:30 Prayer

The Covenant
11205 Euclid Avenue
11:00 MORNING WORSHIP
Dr. Taylor Will Preach
Subject:
"THE WAY OF GOD ! !
THE CHRISTIAN HOME"
The Covenant Choir
Please bring your children to Church School while you attend church.

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IN OUR TOWN
They'll Rally 'Round
Rev. J. D. Carlson
Elsie Johns, Soloist
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ABOUT THE HUNGER, HE LOVES THE CHILD WITH ALL HIS INFINITE AFFECTION, GOD WANTS HIM TO BE STRONG AND ROBUST, GOD IS DOING EVERYTHING HE CAN DO FOR THE INFANT BUT HE NEEDS HUMAN HELP. IF HE RECEIVES THE RIGHT KIND OF COOPERATION AT THE RIGHT TIME, THE BABY WILL BE WELL FED AND AMPLY NOURISHED. IF THIS HUMAN HELP IS NOT FORTHCOMING, THE CHILD WILL DIE OF HUNGER IN SPITE OF EVERYTHING GOD IS DOING. AND THE TRAGIC TRUTH IS THAT MILLIONS OF BABIES HAVE IN OUR LIFETIME DIED OF STARVATION BECAUSE GOD DID NOT RECEIVE SUFFICIENT HELP.

CONSIDER ALSO THE EDUCATION OF A BABY. IF GOD ALONE AND UNAIDED HAD TO TEACH THE INFANT TO SPEAK AND WRITE, HE WOULD BE REQUIRED IN EACH CASE TO HELP THE BABY DEVISE AN ALPHABET, FORM WORDS, PARAGRAPHS AND SENTENCES, AND TO BEGIN WHERE HE STARTED WITH PRIMITIVE MAN. A CHILD DEVELOPS MENTALLY WHEN GOD RECEIVES THE RIGHT KIND OF HELP IN HIS TRAINING. SO IT IS WITH PRAYER. HUMAN ASSISTANCE IS REQUIRED IF THE CHILD IS TO DEVELOP IN WISDOM AND STATURE AND IN FAVOR WITH GOD AND MEN.

ALL LIFE IS PARTNERSHIP. GOD CAN BE DEPENDED UPON TO DO HIS PART. HE IS SO WISE THAT EVEN HIS "FOOLISHNESS" IS BEYOND THE WISDOM OF MEN. HE IS SO POWERFUL THAT EVEN HIS "WEAKNESS" IS MIGHTIER THAN ANY STRENGTH OF MEN. AND HE IS AS GOOD AS GOODNESS CAN BE IMAGINED. ALL THIS WE MEAN WHEN WE SAY THAT OUR GOD IS CHRISTLIKE. BUT THE BIBLE TELLS US PLAINLY THAT OUR HELP IS NEEDED IN BUILDING THE DIVINE SOCIETY. REFLECT UPON THESE VERSES: "FOR WE ARE FELLOW WORKMEN FOR GOD; YOU ARE GOD'S FIELD, GOD'S BUILDING. ACCORDING TO THE COMMISSION OF GOD GIVEN TO ME, LIKE A SKILLED MASTER-BUILDER I LAID A FOUNDATION, AND ANOTHER MAN IS BUILDING UPON IT. LET EACH MAN TAKE CARE HOW HE BUILDS UPON IT. FOR NO OTHER FOUNDATION CAN ANY ONE LAY THAN THAT WHICH IS LAID, WHICH IS JESUS CHRIST." "SO THEN YOU ARE NO LONGER STRANGERS AND SOJOURNERS, BUT YOU ARE FELLOW CITIZENS WITH THE SAINTS AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSEHOLD OF GOD, BUILT UPON THE FOUNDATION OF THE APOSTLES AND PROPHETS, CHRIST JESUS HIMSELF BEING THE CHIEF CORNERSTONE, IN WHOM THE WHOLE STRUCTURE IS JOINED TOGETHER AND GROWS INTO A HOLY TEMPLE IN THE LORD; IN WHOM YOU ALSO ARE BUILT INTO IT FOR A DWELLING OF GOD IN THE SPIRIT." "IF YOU ABIDE IN ME, AND MY WORDS ABIDE IN YOU, ASK WHATEVER YOU WILL, AND IT SHALL BE DONE FOR YOU. BY THIS MY FATHER IS GLORIFIED, THAT YOU BEAR MUCH FRUIT, AND SO PROVE TO BE MY DISCIPLES." "TRULY, TRULY, I SAY TO YOU, HE WHO BELIEVES IN ME WILL ALSO DO THE WORKS THAT I DO; AND GREATER WORKS THAN THESE WILL HE DO, BECAUSE I GO TO THE FATHER." "LET YOUR LIGHT SO SHINE BEFORE MEN, THAT THEY MAY SEE YOUR GOOD WORKS AND GIVE GLORY TO YOUR FATHER WHO IS IN HEAVEN."

TRULY ALL LIFE IS A PARTNERSHIP. NO MAN LIVETH TO HIMSELF, AND NO MAN DIETH TO HIMSELF.

WE ARE BOUND WITH INDISSOLUBLE TIES. GOD IS OUR FATHER AND ALL MEN EVERYWHERE ARE OUR KINSMEN. IN LITERAL TRUTH WE ARE OUR BROTHER'S KEEPER. WE ARE ENDOWED WITH ALL THE FACULTIES NEEDED TO LIVE AS GOOD MEMBERS OF GOD'S HOME. WE ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ONE ANOTHER. OUR LORD REMINDED HIS DISCIPLES THAT SELF-CENTEREDNESS IS DEATH AND THAT LIFE IS FOUND IN SHARING WITH OTHERS IN UTMOST MEASURE. IT IS MORE BLESSED TO GIVE THAN TO RECEIVE BECAUSE OF THE WAY WE ARE MADE. JOY COMES FROM AFFECTION AND FELLOWSHIP.

OUR LORD TAUGHT HIS DISCIPLES TO PRAY FOR THE COMING OF GOD'S KINGDOM ON EARTH. HUMAN SOCIETY IS INTENDED TO BE A LITTLE COLONY OF HEAVEN. IT IS THE WILL OF GOD THAT IT SHOULD BE SAID ABOUT US AS IT WAS OF THE EARLY CHURCH, BEHOLD HOW THESE CHRISTIANS LOVE ONE ANOTHER. "BELOVED, LET US LOVE ONE ANOTHER; FOR LOVE IS OF GOD, AND HE WHO LOVES IS BORN OF GOD AND KNOWS GOD:..BELOVED, IF GOD SO LOVED US, WE ALSO OUGHT TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER. NO MAN HAS EVER SEEN GOD; IF WE LOVE ONE ANOTHER, GOD ABIDES IN US AND HIS LOVE IS PERFECTED IN US." "FOR THE WHOLE LAW IS FULFILLED IN ONE WORD, "YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF. BUT IF YOU BITE AND DEVOUR ONE ANOTHER TAKE HEED THAT YOU ARE NOT CONSUMED BY ONE ANOTHER...THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT IS LOVE, JOY, PEACE, PATIENCE, KINDNESS, GOODNESS, FAITHFULNESS, GENTLENESS, SELF-CONTROL; AGAINST SUCH THERE IS NO LAW. AND THOSE WHO BELONG TO CHRIST JESUS HAVE CRUCIFIED THE FLESH WITH ITS PASSIONS AND DESIRES. IF WE LIVE BY THE SPIRIT, LET US ALSO WALK BY THE SPIRIT...AND LET US NOT GROW WEARY IN WELL-DOING, FOR IN DUE SEASON WE SHALL REAP, IF WE DO NOT LOSE HEART. SO THEN, AS WE HAVE OPPORTUNITY, LET US DO GOOD TO ALL MEN, ESPECIALLY TO THOSE WHO ARE OF THE HOUSEHOLD OF FAITH."

SEE THIS SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY REVEALED IN THE LIFE OF A MISSIONARY. HE IS PROMPTED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT TO BE CONCERNED OVER THE SALVATION AND WELL BEING OF THE PEOPLE OF A FAR OFF LAND. HE COMMITS HIMSELF TO THE DIVINE WILL AND FEELS CALLED TO BE GOD'S MESSENGER TO THAT PEOPLE. HE CONSECRATES HIMSELF, TRAINS HIMSELF AND GIVES HIMSELF TO THEIR REDEMPTION. THE TRUE MISSIONARY IS LESS CONCERNED ABOUT HIS OWN COMFORT AND SAFETY THAN HE IS WITH THE WINNING OF MEN AND WOMEN, BOYS AND GIRLS, TO THE LORD JESUS AND TO A LIFE OF COMRADESHIP WITH THE LIVING GOD. HIS HIGHEST EXALTATIONS DO NOT COME FROM MATERIAL THINGS, BUT FROM SHARING HIMSELF TO THE UTMOST AND FROM THE LOVE AND COMPANIONSHIP OF HIS FELLOWS.

LISTEN TO THIS TESTIMONY FROM ALBERT SCHWEITZER, ONE OF THE GREATEST OF MISSIONARIES: "I COULD NOT BUT FEEL WITH A SYMPATHY FULL OF REGRET ALL THE PAIN THAT I SAW AROUND ME, NOT ONLY THAT OF MEN BUT THAT OF THE WHOLE CREATION. FROM THIS COMMUNITY OF SUFFERING I HAVE NEVER TRIED TO WITHDRAW MYSELF. IT SEEMED TO ME A MATTER OF COURSE THAT WE SHOULD ALL TAKE OUR SHARE OF THE BURDEN

OF PAIN WHICH LIES UPON THE WORLD...IN MY OWN LIFE ANXIETY, TROUBLE, AND SORROW HAVE BEEN ALLOTED TO ME AT TIMES IN SUCH ABUNDANT MEASURE THAT HAD MY NERVES NOT BEEN STRONG, I MUST HAVE BROKEN DOWN UNDER THE WEIGHT...BUT I HAVE HAD BLESSINGS TOO: THAT I AM ALLOWED TO WORK IN THE SERVICE OF MERCY; THAT MY WORK HAS BEEN SUCCESSFUL; THAT I RECEIVE FROM OTHER PEOPLE AFFECTION AND KINDNESS IN ABUNDANCE; THAT I HAVE LOYAL HELPERS, WHO IDENTIFY THEMSELVES WITH MY ACTIVITY; THAT I ENJOY A HEALTH WHICH ALLOWS ME TO UNDERTAKE MOST EXHAUSTING WORK; THAT I HAVE A WELL-BALANCED TEMPERAMENT WHICH VARIES LITTLE, AND AN ENERGY WHICH EXERTS ITSELF WITH CALMNESS AND DELIBERATION; AND, FINALLY, THAT I CAN RECOGNIZE AS SUCH WHATEVER HAPPINESS FALLS TO MY LOT, ACCEPTING IT ALSO AS A THING FOR WHICH SOME THANK-OFFERING IS DUE FROM ME."

THAT IS THE WAY EVERY CHRISTIAN IS SUPPOSED TO LIVE, AS A GOOD MEMBER OF GOD'S HOME, WITH A SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY, AND WITH ONE'S CUP RUNNING OVER WITH THE JOYS OF SHARING IN THE HOLY ENDEAVOR TO CREATE THE BELOVED COMMUNITY.

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How - How - How?

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2. Saturate your mind with the record of the doings of Jesus.

3. Enjoy constant communion with our living Lord.

4. Expect guidance from the Holy Spirit.

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9. Read great books and study the experiences of the noblest men and women of the race.

10. Develop understanding of the breadth and depth of the will of God in all areas of life.

11. Run the risks of doing what is right in God's sight, rather than run the risks of doing what we know to be wrong.

12. Proceed with confidence in God, and joyously leave the results in his loving hands.

13. Experience eternal life in the midst of time.

14. ~~Consider~~ Value every hour as of priceless worth, and make wise use of time.

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Your Group Can Hold a Prayer Retreat

Kirby Page is now devoting most of his ~~practically his full~~ time to prayer retreats. No honorarium is required beyond gas and car operation. He and his wife would be delighted to have prayer groups, student groups, women's groups, ministerial groups, come to their home in La Habra Heights for all-day retreats. Address him at Box 247, La Habra, California.

✓ Content of retreats

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Silence for longer periods of time. Less talking, no discussion during retreat. The leader leads thru his chosen subject; all join in worship; no discussion among people - the discussion is between God (or H. S.) & individual in the fellowship. This

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would be my idea of a "retreat"
When we get away as much as
possible from the human-level
means of communication & "wait
upon the Lord" as a leader (by
thought, word, & worship) points the
group & the caravan East.

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Albert Jenkins

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Francis N. Laird, a man with wide experience in Industrial Relations, and all of its ramifications, is starting a new service. It would be impossible to outline all of the areas in which ***HUMANTICS*** *can serve you. This letter is merely an opportunity to tell you that you can now have all of the advantages of a personnel department at a nominal cost to you.*

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Just check on the enclosed postage paid postcard the areas in which you would like more information and Mr. Laird will personally call upon you and explain the services available at no obligation to yourself.

Wednesday Morning

Dear Dr. and Mrs. Page:

Received your letter and the outline for prayer retreats. I have read and studied the outline, it seems very good to me, shall I keep it?

I am glad to have it at this time as I have some free time and have been studying and seeking more of the deeper and better things. Thank you for it. I have been reading your booklet on "prayer" and "Living with peace of mind"

You are a wonderful

leader and I have appreciated the pleasure of knowing both of you.

Writings come alive, when you know the person.

Hoping to hear you again, I am,

Sincerely yours,
Henrietta Ault

A SPIRITUAL AWAKENING CRUSADE

A group here in Southern California proposes twelve weeks of concentrated effort in the churches of the nation to find the will of God and power to do it, beginning on World Communion Sunday, October 3, 1954, and continuing until Christmas Sunday.

Confusion in the minds of Christian people is a primary cause of the crisis which threatens to annihilate a considerable proportion of mankind.

Long ago our Lord pointed out that when our very lights are dark, the darkness will be deep indeed. If we cannot tell the difference between sweet and bitter, between good and evil, our actions are certain to lead to disaster. Blind leaders are now rushing the blind toward the abyss. And the fault is not chiefly with the leaders of governments, but with the religious instruction or lack of it, given to the people in these past days.

The members of our churches are confused as to the difference between what is right in God's sight and what he knows to be wrong. They have not been sufficiently instructed in the ways of finding the will of God in specific situations, and they have not been properly guided in the search for God's power to enable them to do right.

The decisive task before the churches ~~xxx~~ now is the instruction of their members. This is far more important in the immediate future than campaigns to bring in new members, as indispensable as that endeavor remains. The mind of Christ offers us the only hope of changing our disastrous course. He alone is the Light of the world.

Quickly we must learn to think as he thinks, to feel as he feels, and to follow his way wherever He leads us.

The churches must crowd an entire generation of instruction into these few months just ahead if we are to avoid the destruction of our fellows in the fury of our endeavor to defend ourselves and our values. Massive concentration upon two questions is required: How can we discover what is right in God's sight, and how can we turn on God's power to do it?

Therefore, let the minister gather together in Prayer Retreats on successive weeks, in groups of 20 to 40 at a time, his entire congregation, say on Saturdays 2 to 9, or on Sundays 2 to 9, for prayer and conversation about the responsibility of being a Christian in this day of confusion, fear and conflict. These Retreats to be led by the minister and several mature members of the congregation.

During these twelve weeks let the minister preach a series of sermons on What is right, and how do we release God's power to do it; let the various agencies of the church concentrate on these two questions, in adult classes, youth classes and fellowships, women's societies, men's clubs, prayer groups; let a special effort be made to enroll individuals in continuing prayer-study groups of five to ten in the church and in homes; let appropriate literature dealing with these two questions be circulated.

Preparation for the crusade to begin immediately and continue until it opens. Let concerned members go two by two to visit every family in the church, interpreting the crusade and enrolling members in the proposed Prayer Retreats. Let the minister use his intervening

sermons in laying foundations for the crusade. Let every agency of the church enter into this preparatory work.

God knows what is right for us in our personal relations and in our corporate affairs. As Meister Eckhart said hundreds of years ago, God is ready and we are unready, God is willing and we are unwilling, God is a thousand times more eager to provide guidance than we are ready to follow wherever he leads us. Our minds and spirits must quickly be made ready. The Holy Spirit is yearning to guide us into all truth. The power of God is sufficient for our salvation. The hour has come for massive concentration upon two questions: What is right, and how do we get power to do it?

MEMORANDUM

from
GERALD B. HARVEY

Monday

Dear Kirby —

Tried to read you but couldn't get thru — last Sat. Mrs. H. hasn't been well for some time — had a rough week end so I felt I'd better stay close & help her out — Better now & I'll try to make it Saturday —

Cordially

Gerald

PRAYER RETREATS ARE POWER HOUSES

By Kirby Page

In Southern California extensive use is being made of all-day prayer retreats as sources of spiritual illumination and power. The results are so satisfying that I am now devoting most of my time to extended conversations with groups of twenty to forty people, assembled for serious consideration of the responsibility of being a Christian in such a day as this, and in unhurried prayer. As a basis of our exploration, we are using these fourteen ways of finding and doing the will of God in our time:

1. Reflect upon the character of God.
2. Saturate your mind with the record of the doings of Jesus.
3. Enjoy constant comradeship with our living Lord.
4. Expect guidance from the Holy Spirit.
5. Receive forgiveness and power in partaking of Holy Communion.
6. Be persistent in private prayer, family prayer, group prayer, and corporate worship in the sanctuary.
7. Experience human fellowship on the highest level.
8. Mellow your spirit by constant exposure to the power of silence, to great music, and to the beauty of nature.
9. Read great books and study the experiences of the noblest men and women of the race.
10. Seek understanding of the breadth and depth of the will of God in all areas of life.
11. Run the risks of doing what is right in God's sight, rather than take the consequences of doing what we know to be wrong.
12. Proceed with confidence in God, and joyously leave the results in his loving hands.
13. Experience eternal life in the midst of time.
14. Value every hour as of priceless worth, and make wise use of time.

The division of time being used follows these patterns: 10 A. M. begin with a long-playing record of great music; prayer and conversation until 12 noon; recess and fellowship until 12:30; luncheon in silence

except for great music until 1:30; session until 3:30; tea and fellowship until 4:00; (some groups adjourn at 4:00); session until 5:30; recess and fellowship until 6:00; supper in silence except for great music until 7:00; session until 9:00 o'clock adjournment.

An alternate division of time is: 2:00 P. M. begin with a recording of great music; prayer and conversation until 3:30; tea and fellowship until 4:00; session until 5:30; recess and fellowship until 6:00; supper in silence except for great music until 7:00; session until 9 o'clock adjournment.

Some groups meet for an all-day retreat on Saturday, some on Saturday afternoon and evening; some on Sunday afternoon and evening; some women's groups meet for an all-day retreat on weekdays, with husbands coming for supper and evening session. Sometimes it is better to meet in a home with a large living-room and opportunity for quietness.

In every case several individuals of breadth of experience and depth of spiritual insight participate in the general conversation about the deeper issues of life. The discussion ranges from the will of God in personal relations to the will of God in economic life and world affairs.

Here is a procedure which may be used, with little promotion and little expense, by a pastor or a ministerial association, with deep and enduring results. Experience shows that twenty to forty people in a circle can engage in intimate discussion and fervent prayer over a period of five to seven hours. Fellowship in prayer and discussion and action is the breath of spiritual life in any church where "two or

three" spend time together in seeking to find the will of God and power to do it.

I would be glad to correspond with interested individuals about our experiences in prayer retreats, and may be addressed: Box 247, La Habra, California. Especially would I like to know about the experiences of other groups in prayer retreats.

Editor: You may want to print Tennyson's poem on the same page

More things are wrought by prayer
Than this world dreams of. Wherefore, let thy voice
Rise like a fountain for me night and day.
For what are men better than sheep or goats
That nourish a blind life within the brain,
If, knowing God, they lift not hands of prayer
Both for themselves and those who call them friend?
For so the whole round earth is every way
Bound by gold chains about the feet of God.

Jim Bristol

F. E. Hutchens

Kirby Page has sent along a copy of his letter to you concerning a speaking engagement in this Region early next year. At this point I hardly know what to say. As you know we are still having personnel problems. If there seemed any chance that we would have a Peace Education Secretary by that time I would like very much to accept a commitment for Kirby, but as it looks now there doesn't seem much hope of someone being on the job by then. I have not heard anything further from Robert Gemmer, but did write him a not last week asking again if he would come down for an interview. If you think I should take on this obligation I will do my best with it.

cc Kirby Page

PO Box 244
La Habra. Calif

Mr Kirby Page

Dear Sir: You should know that the Lord would not give one cent for all the "good characters" on earth. Paul tells you that "there is none that doeth good, no, not one". Please read Rom 3:4-19. Then to know your own heart please read Jeremiah 17:9. and believe. Proverbs 28:26. Only a fool believes his own heart. and above all, dont forget to read, Psalm 116:11 and know that Christ agrees with David see John 8:44. Then you are ready to listen to Christ when he said that the most faithful Christians are unprofitable servants. Luke 17:10.

Brother

FELLOWSHIP OF RECONCILIATION
southwest regional office

820 S. St. Andrews Pl.
Los Angeles 5, Calif.

(copy of letter to be sent to several hundred ministers in this area)

Dear fellow minister,

Everywhere there is the fear that could be the beginning of wisdom. Or it could be the beginning of consent to evil on a scale that we Christians have no right to embrace.

Reporting on the Hydrogen Bomb, Time magazine quoted with approval a minister who felt that it was the duty of church leaders to prepare the people for whatever comes in order that they not lose their spiritual poise.

We wonder if there is not a much greater danger of the American people losing their souls than their poise if we continue to give our consent to the manufacture of theHydrogen Bomb?

Is it the duty of the Christian Church to give man poise in an evil world? Or should we preach to our congregations and to our society the gospel of our Lord Jesus, a gospel that is vastly troubling but with the power to transform even an evil society?

Because we feel that we cannot, in good conscience, keepsilent in the face of the recent tests of the Hydrogen Bomb, we are writing to let you know of our concern which we hope may also be yours. We enclose some materials you will find of value on this subject.

The despair we now feel could shock us down. Isn't there a chance now in our churches to choose which the direction will be?

the following ministers are being asked to sign:

Raymond Wasser,
Owen Geer
Robert Cope
Walter Mitchell
James Bell
Kirby Page
Keith Kanaga
Allan Hunter
Gene Bartlett
Frank Fagerburg
Dr. Albert Palmbr
Rev. Charles Lord
Carl Beharka
Max Chamberlin
Dan Genung
Ray Ragsdale
Edward Radcliff
Frank Toothaker
Larry Sellars

Robert Price
Gilbert Zimmerman
Russell Clay
Howard Carey
Ted Evans
Tom Farley
~~xxxxxxxx~~
Arthur Kent
Ray Kinney
Bruce McGuire
Norman Taylor
Ralph Turnidge
Maurice Dawkins

Santa Barbara - ①

Let us begin with some of the questions:

1. How can you tell difference - X-n + non-Xn?
2. Is there a personal God?
3. Right + wrong?
4. Saved + lost?
5. "Redeemed by the Cross of Christ"?
6. Inspiration of the Bible?
7. Divinity of Christ

God was more real to Jesus because:
He wanted to do
more real

God is the supreme Being

Man " a human being - in God's likeness

The divinity of Jesus

Third night:

The Cross

First Methodist Church

Anapamu at Garden ..... Santa Barbara, California

Will M. Hildebrand, Minister

Dear Kirby:

Our Wesley Foundation at Santa Barbara is setting up a Retreet for Friday,Saturday, and Sunday, Dec 11,12, and 13 at Wrightwood in the Methodist Leader's Lodge.

We are very hopeful that you can be with us,and be our leader. We hope to have twenty-five or thirty of some of the fine students here from Santa Barbara College and Knapp School of Nursing,and the Junior College here. It is the finest group we have had.

There would be a talk and discussion on Friday, two or three sessions on Saturday,and a closing session on Sunday morning.

The committee is attracted to your subject, The Responsibilities of Christian Citizenship,and I hope also we can have some time in the school of prayer.

This can be the highlight of our year, if you can come. We can pay you thirty-five to fifty dollars,p us your travel expenses,and of course, you are to be our guest at the Lodge.

Please let us know as soon as possible. And only yes will do!

Love,

Will Hildebrand

Wednesday afternoon

MEMO for Kirby--Alma

--Mighty good to see you yesterday.

--Many thank yous for the exquis itely "bootyful" lilac. How delicate. Also for the jars of jam and sauce. The sauce was jsut a bit 'bity' as two cans of my canning were recently(due to us ing too ripe fruit, I think), but a little more sugar and 5 minutes boiling and it was "swell good" ...indeed its almost half gone this evening(you see 4 of us are feeding at this house just now). Again we are truly grateful.

--What careless, thotless remarks a poor mortal like me does make sometimes. You asked if I would like some poinsettia plants, I quickly said sure I could use 6 or 8. What I had in mind was that before long you will be cutting back those"huge beauties" on the Southwest side of your house and perhaps throwing away most or all of the stuff you cut away. Later I remembered you spoke of some "rooted" ones and still later my lazy mind woke up to fact that you root , can and seal those plants. PLEASE forgive me. And do not give me what has real money value to you, just a handful of the'no goods.' We will be over some glad day.

--M Lee is very sweet today. In five minutes I'll be getting her into the ~~wheel~~ wheel chair for ride ot doors.

--SO GLAD May 15 is OK with you. More later.

Gayle

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Preliminary outline for discussion, deletion, addition

THE WILL OF GOD

How Do We Find It and Get Power To Do It?

1. Be eager to discover God's plan for your own life

(a) Our Christlike God is a revealing Father
(b) He loves us individually, one by one
(c) He yearns for our companionship
(d) He needs our help in completing his work
(e) Respond to the initiative of the Holy Spirit

2. Saturate your mind with the teaching and example of Jesus

(a) Understand the situation in which he lived
(b) Reflect upon the alternatives before him
(c) Continue studying the record of his teaching
(d) Keep asking: What does Jesus want me to do about this?
(e) Make resolute your commitment to him

3. Live with a sense of mission

(a) Deepen the desire to make your life count as God's fellow-worker
(b) Live simply and purposefully
(c) Use time wisely

4. Be persistent in prayer

(a) How to pray
(b) Private prayer
(c) Family prayer
(d) Worship in the sanctuary

5. Mellow your spirit

(a) Pay attention to the beauty of God's universe
(b) Expose yourself often to the spell of great music
(c) Read great biographies
(d) Reflect upon great poetry

6. Strive to achieve integrity of character

(a) Truthfulness
(b) Honesty
(c) Purity
(d) Unselfishness
(e) Self-giving concern

7. Love God with your mind

(a) The admonition of Holy Scripture
(b) The complexity of life
(c) Test every proposal in every area of life by the will of God as revealed in the way of Christ
(d) The urgent need of Christian action
(e) The requirement of adult education on a massive scale

8. Experience fellowship on the highest level

(a) Partake regularly of Holy Communion
(b) Pray with others about your responsibilities
(c) Enter into conversation frequently about the great issues of life
(d) Seek human counsel before making crucial decisions
(e) Enter into the fellowship of the saints

9. Strengthen your faith in spiritual power

(a) The affirmations of the Bible
(b) The moral order of the universe
(c) The destructive nature of evil
(d) The creativity of goodness

10. Discipline yourself to run the risks of doing the will of God, rather than suffer the consequences of doing wrong

(a) Why was Jesus cricified?
(b) The plain teaching of Jesus about risks
(c) The experience of the early church
(d) The testimony of prophets in every age
(e) Learn the will of God by walking in the light he has already given

11. Joyously leave the results in God's hands

((a) Do your part and trust God
(b) The wisdom of God
(c) The love of God
(d) The power of God

12. Experience eternal life in the midst of time

(a) The significance of the resurrection of Jesus
(b) Enjoy fellowship with our living Lord
(c) The reality of the invisible
(d) Learn to be at home in the world of the spirit

CASE STUDIES IN FINDING THE WILL OF GOD

32 pages of actual situations in which we and our friends have sought to find the will of God in specific instances. State the problem and ask several pertinent questions, without giving our own opinions as to the proper answer for a Christian.

Monday

Dear Dr Page:

Although you are probably well aware of the great value of the "School of Prayer" which you just conducted in our church, somehow I feel compelled to write you a word of gratitude for its wonderful help it was to me personally.

I count it a very real privilege to have been present.

Thank you again.

Very sincerely,
Ethel Dillon

My name won't mean a thing, but perhaps you will remember my living your personality a task for a friend.

Dear Miss Page:-

Recalling the fellowship we enjoyed at your hilltop home has been a blessing to me and I am sure to all who were privileged to be present at the Retreat on Friday the 11th - some time ago - in the meantime I have been out of town to meet a new granddaughter - so am tardy in thanking you for your care in preparing the good lunch for us all. We all appreciated it.

Gratefully yours,
Alice M. Linsley

(Mrs Paul G.)

Reaction to Kirby Page book:

Fine book shaping up. Masterful delineation of conditions as we find them today in the first introductory chapter. Perhaps by some illustrations?

Lots of ideas. Have to be tied together well. Takes thoughtful reading.

In Chapter 2, I recognized ~~as~~ the basic ideas which seem to be the key to Kirby Pages thinking about God. That is, God is like Christ. Etc.

I like some of his unusual definitions, such as, " Desire is a word which reveals the way we use our freedom."

As usual, Page's language is picturesque. I will be interested in the illustrations.

I have been using Kirby Page's books and ideas for years. When I was in Epworth League work, I admired him, and bought his books when book money was harder to get than it is now. I was in a sharing group during college and we got up early in the morning to discuss and pray. One of the books we used was " Living Creatively" Those were good beginnings.

I think this book will probably achieve its purpose. It sounds good to me.

C.H. Wennerberg

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BEYOND FAILURE

An illustration for "Beyond Failure" might be Robert Bruce and the spider. In the cave he saw the spider fail six times and said, "If it succeeds the seventh time, then I will try again." The spider succeeded and so he tried again.

GOD'S WILL IN THE CHURCH

When I became pastor at Vermont Square, Los Angeles, the Woman's Society had broken up into two groups. The ~~parents~~ society and then one of the circles which was as large as all of the others combined. The division was on the basis of loyalty to my predecessor. I got the officers together several times for a total of about fourteen hours. When it seemed that there was no possibility of working out a compromise, I took out some sheets of paper and put them in my typewriter, saying to the group, "I am going to ask every member of the group to sign the statement as I ~~did~~ do not want to assume the responsibility." I told them I would give them a copy and also the bishop and the cabinet a copy, and I would keep a copy. The statement was something like the following: "We the officers of the two groups of women in the Vermont Square Methodist Church, believing it to be the will of God to perpetuate these two groups, take full responsibility for the action resulting in the division of our Woman's Society."

After reading it everyone agreed to sign until finally one person said, "If you take out 'the will of God' I will sign it." I said, "Do you believe then that you can build a church without considering the will of God?", and within a short period of time a plan was worked out agreeable to all, and the breach was completely healed within a few years.

RACE RELATIONS

Mrs. Jones owned a four flat building in the community that was rapidly changing. She came to her pastor asking what to do. She had a splendid Chinese family that wanted to rent one of the flats. She was told, on the other hand, that the other tenants would move out, as would the people in the house next door in a building

which she owned. She was also concerned about her neighbor's reaction. Her pastor said to her, "What would the will of God be in this situation? What do you think Jesus would do?" After much heart-searching she decided that the will of God was that she rent to the Chinese couple, regardless of the consequences. It looked as though it would entail a financial loss as this was during the depression. She could not afford such loss, in fact it might have meant the foreclosing of the mortgage on the building itself. However, she rented to the Chinese couple and there were no repercussions; none of the tenants left and the neighbors were very understanding about it all.

THE WILL OF GOD IN BUSINESS

A business man was having trouble with the labor unions. He went to his pastor to talk over the problem saying, "You know I want to be a Christian, but I can't let these men run over me. They would run me out of business if I would let them." His pastor talked with him concerning the various issues involved and then said, "Have you thought about considering this from the standpoint of what God would have you do? What do you think Jesus would do were He in your situation?" The business man said, "I have not thought of that." He began to consider his problem from that angle. Later he came to his pastor and said, "I was not thinking of this problem right, and when I was convinced of what God would have me do, I talked with the labor leader and now things have all worked out far better than I ever dreamed of."

THE WILL OF GOD IN PERSONAL RELATIONS

A young minister went into a church where he found a woman who had been the president of a Woman's Society for nearly ten years. She had "run" the church; she had a great bias against the youth of the church. An issue came before the people. After several months the time came when the Woman's Society president decided the youth could no longer use the church basement as they had previously done. It led to the minister challenging the woman's leadership. Without any effort, whatever, on his part, she was not reelected president of the Woman's Society and left the

church. Some months later the young minister came to the realization that the only way to live and preach was following the guidance of God. During his prayer period one morning the face of this woman appeared in his imagination. For days and weeks he could think of nothing else when he tried to pray. He knew that if he would follow the will of God he must take Jesus seriously and see her, even though he held nothing against her. One day, when he had only a little time before it was necessary to go to a funeral service, he called at her home. He told her that if she felt that he had wronged her, he asked her forgiveness. First, she said nothing was wrong between them, but finally broke down. The bitterness she had, due to the loss of a son some years before, came out and a new relationship began between the minister and the former leader. The minister's ministry became more effective for now there was not the barrier of this wrong relationship.

A LITANY FOR HOLY SATURDAY

Two thousand years ago the world's Savior hung upon a cross. For those who put Him there He prayed,

"Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do."

Today Our Nation is leading the world in the making of deadly and more deadly weapons.

Father, forgive us; for we know not what we do.

We are more concerned regarding the wealth of Southeast Asia than for the people of Asia.

Father, forgive us; for we know not what we do.

We are preventing France from negotiating with the enemy.

Father, forgive us; for we know not what we do.

We are insisting that the awful slaughter of human life shall continue.

Father, forgive us; for we know not what we do.

We are fomenting hatred and fear around the world.

Father, forgive us; for we know not what we do.

We are more concerned with protecting ourselves than we are in helping others.

Father, forgive us; for we know not what we do.

Our official representative is hurrying around the world high-pressuring reluctant people to help.

Father, forgive us; for we know not what we do.

We are leading a movement which, if followed to its logical conclusion, will annihilate civilization.

Father, forgive us; for we know not what we do.

We offer the world peace by means of the H-bomb.

Father, forgive us; for we know not what we do.

Many, many of us who believe in democracy and the Christian way of life, have kept silent as this great evil has gathered strength.

Father, forgive us; for we know not what we do.

And this writer has been one of them.

Father, forgive him; for his neglect of duty.

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An Easter promise; "After I am raised up I will go before you ----".

By J. W. Reed April 12, 1954 5300 S. E. Ivon Portland 6, Oregon

MEMO for Kirby

Monday a.m.

You must have experienced the feeling that the Great Spirit was speaking thru you at Reds. last Sat eve. You were never clearer , stronger and more convincing. All with whom I have talked agree that you were SUPER helpful. We salute you with appreciation and best wishes. 165 present

Mrs Ferguson, a long time missionary in India and a committed 'Rauschenbuscher', told me sometime ago that Kirby Page was an "enigma" to her. Yesterday I sat in her Church pew. After Church she said "Kirby Page was just wonderful, really tremendous out at Reds. last night"Cheerup

June 17

Is Sat 19 June 9:30 to 4 pm opne for a Bapt laymen's group if I can arrange a line up of 12 or 15 ????
I am not promising <u>but</u> how is the date.?

Cman

Pairs tea
just "bantering" out

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Dear Friends:

The urgent need for an intensive SPIRITUAL EXPLORATION is growing upon ministers in Southern California, the need for a sustained search for answers to two questions: How Can We Find the Will of God and Get Power to Do It. On the enclosed sheet is a summary of the convictions of twenty Methodist ministers. On Friday a group of Disciples reached similar conclusions. Among the Disciple ministers who have decided to begin a special search in the fall are the following:

E. D. Canady
Carl L. Crain
Frank Cron
Hoke S. Dickinson
Merle Fish, Jr.
Wesley P. Ford
Dan B. Genung, Jr.
Charles F. Hutsler
John W. Messer
R. Lee Pryor
J. Barbee Robertson
Joseph M. Smith
Lauren E. West

No minister can fail to be aware of the sickness of our society and the desperate needs of our people. Every discussion of the great issues of life reveals confusion and bewilderment. Strident voices are shouting to do this and to do that. The "experts" are divided in judgment and are pointing to contradictory ways out of this danger and that peril. The nations are plunging from one disaster to a greater catastrophe. What is an earnest Christian to do? In the midst of all this perplexity, maladjustment, fear, passion and conflict, what is the message of the minister and of the church? How can we know what God wants us to do in this situation, and how can we turn on his power in the doing of his work?

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO JOIN IN A SPECIAL SEARCH with your fellow ministers in Southern California, beginning in September or October, along the lines of experimentation suggested in this enclosure, and are willing to be listed among the participating ministers, please tear off the blank and mail it promptly.

As soon as the names of participating clergymen in the various religious bodies in Southern California are collected, this material will be sent to religious journals throughout the country and an appeal made for editorial interpretation of the Spiritual Exploration. A printed summary, with these names, will be sent widely across the nation to ministers of different denominations, in the hope that thousands of clergymen will lead their people in a more determined search for the will of God in these troubled times and for power to do what is right in his sight.

Two little books are being specially written for the Spiritual Exploration by an interdenominational group, composed of:

Gene E. Bartlett, First Baptist Church, Los Angeles
Russell E. Clay, First Methodist Church, Whittier
John W. Flucke, Morningside Evan. & Ref. Church, Inglewood
Wesley P. Ford, Central Christian Church, Pasadena
Milton A. Gabrielson, Bay Shore Congregational Church, Long Beach
Owen M. Geer, First Methodist Church, Fullerton
Allan A. Hunter, Mt. Hollywood Congregational Church
Albert E. Jenkins, St. Matthias Episcopal Church, Whittier
Robert B. McAulay, First Presbyterian Church, Orange
Galen B. Ogden, First Church of the Brethren, LaVerne
Kirby Page, Disciples of Christ, La Habra
Ray W. Ragsdale, Westwood Methodist Church, Los Angeles
O. E. Shafer, Superintendent, Evan.-United Brethren, Los Angeles
Carl W. Segarhammar, Angelica Lutheran Church, Los Angeles
Robert S. Vogel, Society of Friends, Pasadena

The first one is to be intitled THE WILL OF GOD: How o We Find It and Get Power To Do It? with an Introduction by Bishop Gerald Kennedy.

Many or all of these individuals are collaborating on another little book to be called: THE CHRISTIAN CITIZEN: Co-worker With God in Building the Good Society. It is expected that both these inexpensive, 128-page, paper-bound books will be READY FOR USE BY LATE SEPTEMBER. Time will be saved if ministers will send bundle-orders to their religious publishing house well in advance so that copies may be delivered in time for use in the fall.

Ministers' meetings to consider the Spiritual Exploration are being held. Come if you possibly can.

SAN DIEGO - First Methodist Church, May 28th, from 2 to 4.
GLENDALE - First Methodist Church, June 1, from 10 to 12.
LONG BEACH - First Methodist Church (Fifth St. entrance) June 3, from 10 to 12.
LOS ANGELES - First Baptist Church, June 8, from 10 to 12.
RIVERSIDE - First Methodist Church, June 9, from 10 to 12.

Let us all make a fresh commitment of our lives to the living Christ and join together in a most earnest search for insight and power from God in these days of anguish and conflict.

Prayerfully,

Kirby Page

Kirby Page

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Please tear off and mail

Yes, I want to be enrolled among the ministers who are taking part in the special Spiritual Exploration in the fall, and will endeavor to lead my people in an intensive search for the will of God and for power to do it.

Name of Minister (please type or print)_____

Name of Local Church_____

Name of Denomination or Communion_____

Street_____City_____Zone_____

Please mail as QUICKLY AS PRACTICABLE, for use in the printed folder, to Kirby Page, Box 247, La Habra, California, or to any member of the book group listed above.

THE FELLOWSHIP OF RECONCILIATION

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ALFRED HASSLER, EDITOR JOHN M. SWOMLEY, JR., SECRETARY

Dear Fellowship Member:

This is another letter about the H-bomb. We are sending it out of our conviction that this is the time to strengthen the spontaneous revulsion against these inhuman weapons that seems to have swept our own and other countries. This can be the occasion to encourage people generally, including our fellow Christians, to explore the deep meaning of this revulsion, and so to progress to the kind of clearer thinking and purer emotions that in turn could lead to radical and courageous popular action against war.

People are shaken by such things as the report of the H-bomb tests not alone because of an instinctive terror at being themselves caught in a bombed city some day. They sense that somehow human beings who use H-bombs and nerve gases on each other will no longer be human at all, that they will violate some ultimate law of the universe, the sovereign will of the God and Father of us all.

The first step in our current program was the petition and the Lewis Mumford letter we sent you several weeks ago. The second is the enclosed questionnaire through which we hope to get reactions from thousands of clergymen, while at the same time stimulating them to examine anew their own convictions about war. The results of this will be published in the special summer issue of Fellowship described in the brochure enclosed. This issue will be on display at the World Council of Churches Assembly in Evanston next August.

To cooperate in this, all you need do is to visit or phone your own clergyman and as many others as you can manage. A sample mailing of the questionnaire is being sent to a thousand ministers from this office, but the main job must be done by F.O.R. members. What happens will depend on your response. Will you help make it a good one?

Sincerely,

John Swomley

John M. Swomley, Jr.

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PRAYER RETREATS ARE POWER HOUSES

By Kirby Page

In Southern California extensive use is being made of all-day prayer retreats as sources of spiritual illumination and power. The results are so satisfying that I am devoting most of my time to extended conversations with groups of twenty to forty people, assembled for a serious consideration of the responsibility of being a Christian in such a day as this, and in unhurried prayer. As a basis of our exploration, we are using these fourteen ways of finding and doing the will of God in our time.

1. Reflect upon the character of God.
2. Saturate your mind with great passages from the Bible, especially with the record of the doings of Jesus.
3. Enjoy constant comradeship with our living Lord.
4. Expect guidance from the Holy Spirit.
5. Receive forgiveness and power in partaking of Holy Communion.
6. Be persistent in private prayer, family prayer, group prayer, and corporate worship in the sanctuary.
7. Experience human fellowship on the highest level.
8. Mellow your spirit by constant exposure to the power of silence, to great music, and to the beauty of nature.
9. Read great books and study the experiences of the noblest men and women of the race.
10. Seek understanding of the breadth and depth of the will of God in all phases of life, especially in the areas of social conflict.
11. Run the risks of doing what is right in God's sight, rather than take the consequences of doing what we know to be wrong.
12. Proceed with confidence in God, and joyously leave the results in his loving hands.
13. Experience eternal life in the midst of time.
14. Value every hour as of priceless worth, and make wise use of time.

The division of time used follows these patterns: 10 A. M. begin with a long-playing record of great music; prayer and conversation until 12 noon; recess and fellowship until 12:30;

luncheon in silence except for great music until 1:30; session until 3:30; tea and fellowship until 4; (some groups adjourn at 4); session until 5:30; recess and fellowship until 6; supper in silence except for great music until 7; session until 9 o'clock adjournment.

An alternate division of time is: 2 P. M. begin with record of great music; prayer and conversation until 3:30; tea and fellowship until 4; session until 5:30; recess and fellowship until 6; supper in silence except for great music until 7; session until 9 o'clock adjournment.

Some groups meet for an all-day retreat on Saturday, some on Saturday afternoon and evening; some on Sunday afternoon and evening; some women's groups meet for an all-day retreat on weekdays, with husbands coming for supper and evening session. Sometimes it is better to meet in a home with a large living-room and opportunity for quietness.

In every case individuals of breadth of experience and depth of spiritual insight participate in the general conversation about the deeper issues of life. The discussion ranges from the will of God in personal relations to the will of God in economic life and world affairs.

Here is a procedure which may be used, with little promotion and little expense, by a pastor or a ministerial association with deep and enduring results. Experience shows that twenty to forty people in a circle can engage in intimate discussion and fervent prayer over a period of five to seven hours. Fellowship in prayer and discussion and action is the breath of spiritual life in any

church where "two or three" spend time together in seeking to find the will of God and power to do it.

I would be glad to correspond with interested individuals about our experiences in prayer retreats, and may be addressed: Box 247, La Habra, California. Especially would I like to know about the experiences of other groups in prayer retreats.

Editor: You may want to print Tennyson's poem on the same page

More things are wrought by prayer
Than this world dreams of. Wherefore, let thy voice
Rise like a fountain for me night and day.
For what are men better than sheep or goats
That nourish a blind life in the brain,
If, knowing God, they lift not hands of prayer
Both for themselves and those who call them friend?
For so the whole round earth is every way
Bound by gold chains about the feet of God.

KIRBY PAGE

Author and Social Evangelist

DR. PAGE is the author of twenty-six volumes and twenty-two pamphlets.

His works have been translated into French, German, Dutch, Swedish, Danish, Greek, Bulgarian, Spanish, Chinese, Japanese, and published in England and India.

One of Dr. Page's books was published serially by Mahatma Gandhi in his own magazine. One of them won first place in a national poll of religious books most helpful to college students. One of them was first choice of the Religious Book Club.

More Than a Million Copies of His Books and Pamphlets Have Been Sold

The titles of his books include these:

Living Abundantly
The Will of God for These Days
The Creative Revolution of Jesus
Now Is the Time to Prevent a Third World War
Living Prayerfully
National Defense
Jesus or Christianity
Creative Pioneers
Imperialism and Nationalism
Living Courageously
Living Joyously
The Light Is Still Shining in the Darkness
Religious Resources
Individualism and Socialism
Living Creatively
War: Its Causes, Consequences and Cure
The Personality of Jesus
Christianity and Economic Problems
An American Peace Policy
Living Triumphantly

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RELIGION IN LIFE

BY KIRBY PAGE

Thomas M. Osborne, Prison Reformer, Saw 'That of God in Every Man'

Thomas Mott Osborne was referred to by President Franklin D. Roosevelt as the pioneer who looked upon prisons as means of "turning men who have sinned into men who will sin no more."

He was born in 1859 in Auburn, New York, not far from the grim walls of the prison, and maintained his home there until the death in 1926. His ancestors on both sides were people of privilege and influence, the famous Lucretia Mott being a sister of his grandmother.

Served As Mayor

After Harvard he ran a newspaper, managed his father's business which he inherited, wrote a book, served two terms as Mayor of Auburn, was one of the most influential figures in the election of President Woodrow Wilson, became interested in the reform of juvenile delinquents, served as chairman of the State Commission on Prison Reform, had himself locked in Auburn prison for a week to see its life from within, was appointed warden of Sing Sing, and later became head of the naval prison at Portsmouth.

From his Quaker ancestors he had inherited a crusading spirit and was a born reformer. Consequently, he was under fire throughout his public career, the most serious attack being a conspiracy on the part of political opponents which resulted in an indictment for grave misconduct. He was acquitted and returned to his post at Sing Sing, but resigned shortly thereafter.

Bettered Prison Life

Two notable results were achieved, he aroused the nation to an awareness of the sordidness of prison conditions, and he demonstrated that prisoners are human beings who respond to fair and humane treatment. He found literally appalling conditions in prisons, small cells, iron chains, iron balls, cages, dungeon filth, straightjacket, shaved heads, striped clothing, absolute silence, brutality. The record is filled with numerous illustrations of the almost unbelievable response Osborne received from even the most hardened criminals. In the language of his Quaker forebears, he saw "that of God in every man."

DR. KIRBY PAGE

Launch Study On Psychiatry And Religion

TOPEKA, Kan.—In an effort to improve relations between religion and psychiatry, and to encourage the interchange of ideas between representations of the two groups, eight prominent theologians and nine psychiatrists will meet in Topeka on May 13 and 14.

The two-day working conference, which is sponsored by the Menninger Foundation, will explore some of the common tasks and areas of agreement between psychiatry and religion and will examine the issues which occasionally arise between representatives of the two groups.

The cost of the meeting is being underwritten by Edward F. Gallahue, president of the American State Insurance Company of Indianapolis, Indiana and an active lay Protestant leader. It will be called the Edward F. Gallahue Planning Conference in Religion and Psychiatry.

Gallahue, who is a member of the Board of Governors of the Menninger Foundation, has for some time urged the non-profit psychiatric center to give greater leadership in this area.

Two Churches Join For Early Service

Mt. Oliver Baptist Church, 3290 E. 126th St., will play host to members of Mt. Pleasant Methodist Church at an Easter sunrise service at 5 a. m.

Rev. M. E. Nelson, pastor of the Methodist Church, will deliver the sermon. The two choirs will furnish musical portions of the program.

Take your family to Church Easter Sunday.

Youth for Christ Invites Glee Club

The women's glee club of Wheaton (Ill.) College will sing at tonight's Youth for Christ service in WHK Auditorium, 5000 Euclid Ave.

Mignon Bollman Mackenzie is the club's director. Rev. Melvin Brewer, pastor of First Assembly of God, will give the mediation.

RELIGION IN LIFE

BY KIRBY PAGE

Roger Williams Lit the Torch Of Democracy in America

Roger Williams made an imperishable contribution to the cause of human freedom. He was born in England in 1604 and lived until 1683.

He was trained in theology and ordained as a minister of the Church of England. His dissenting ideas brought opposition from the ecclesiastical authorities. In the hope of finding religious liberty, he embarked for the New World.

Soon he was in difficulties with the authorities and was banished from Massachusetts. He found that he was not wanted in Salem, and Plymouth asked him to leave. He was befriended by the Indians and from them bought ground for a new settlement, which he called Providence.

Pioneer Democracy

The settlers who gathered about him formed a simple government, a pure democracy, with complete freedom to worship or not to worship God. Roger Williams came to believe in immersion as the Scriptural form of baptism and was baptized by a neighbor. Thus was formed the first Baptist Church in America, in 1638.

Roger Williams went to England and obtained a charter to "The Providence Plantations of Narragansett Bay," thus becoming the founder of Rhode Island. No man before him on this continent so thoroughly believed in complete religious freedom—even the Quakers were welcomed in Providence (although Williams did argue with them most vociferously!)

Died in Obscurity

Concerning him, it was written, "He was the one original thinker amongst a number of capable social architects." He was so far ahead of his day that he died an obscure, lonely old man, no record of his death being made except a letter which says, "Mr. Williams is lately deceased." Thus has society frequently been unaware of the priceless gifts bestowed upon it.

Lakewood Youth Plan Good FridayService

Young people of Lakewood United Presbyterian Church will hold a sunrise service at 7:30 Friday morning in Rocky River Park.

Following the service, they will meet at breakfast in the church, Detroit and Lakewood Aves.

Indian Guest Leads St. Andrew's Services

Beginning Sunday, Rev. P. S. Samuels of the Indian Orthodox Church will speak daily at Holy Week services in St. Andr... Episcopal Church, 2171 E. 4...

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Fairmount Blvd. at Eaton Rd.
11:00: DR. HAROLD C. PHILLIPS
The Relevance of Palm Sunday Today
7:30 Candlelight Choral Service
Combined Choirs and Solists
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RELIGION IN LIFE

BY KIRBY PAGE

John Greenleaf Whittier Spent Life In Fighting Against Slavery

John Greenleaf Whittier was a gentle poet and a valiant crusader.

He was born in 1807 near Haverhill, Massachusetts, in a farm house built by one of his ancestors in 1688.

His boyhood was filled with privation and hard work, and his formal education was confined to twelve weeks per year for twelve years in a dilapidated district school under poorly prepared teachers. At twenty he began to study in the newly established Haverhill Academy and continued for a total of twelve months in two years.

Pleaded for Slaves

For many generations his forebears had been Quakers and John Greenleaf continued in that faith and wore the long plain coat until his death in 1892. Very early he began writing simple verses, and at the age of nineteen several of his poems were printed by William Lloyd Garrison in his Newburyport paper. This was the beginning of a lifelong friendship between the abolitionist leaders. For the quarter centery beginning in 1832, Whittier devoted himself primarily to the crusade for the freedom of the slaves, through pamphlets, articles, poems, lobbying and political activities.

Won Wide Acclaim

He was opposed to Garrison's vituperation against the slaveowners, and followed rather in the steps of John Woolman, the Quaker who had shown such warmth of affection for slaveowners while pleading for the emancipation of slaves.

His continual flow of poetry was uneven in quality, but much of it was so good that he achieved a popularity equalled only by Longfellow. His hymns have been sung by millions all over the earth.

Robert N. Krier Named to Direct Bender Campaign

Robert N. Krier, assistant to State Republican Chairman Ray C. Bliss, today was named to direct the statewide U. S. Senate campaign of Congressman George H. Bender in the May primary race.

Assignment of Krier to the Bender camp was announced following a GOP strategy meeting at Hotel Carter attended by Bliss and his top assistants and Cleveland party leaders.

Congressman Bender said all phases of "an aggressive" primary campaign for all candidates endorsed by the state central committee were discussed at the session.

Krier will direct efforts in the Cleveland congressman's behalf from his office in Columbus. Bender is being opposed for the party nomination in the primary by William Saxbe of Mechanicsburg, speaker of the Ohio House.

HEDDA HOPPER:

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To the Ministers Who are Participating

in the Spiritual Explorations:

This is a note about finances. The expense involved for mimeographing, postage, proposed printing of a four-page folder for wide circulation throughout the United States, and costs in connection with the preparation of the two books now being written, is heavier than I had anticipated and beyond my current budget.

If you desire to do so, you may send from one to five dollars to help defray these expenses.

Cordially,

Kirby

Kirby Page
Box 247, La Habra, California

Best wishes to you in all you do, Kirby. Just to think about you gives the rest of us strength because you steer our thots in the right direction.

Frank Williams
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Y O U N E E D T O K N O W ---

That the KIRBY PAGE testimonial dinner to be held on Tuesday evening October 26, 5:30 p.m. at the International Convention at Miami has been changed from the Trinity Methodist Church to WHITE TEMPLE METHODIST CHURCH, 320 N.E. Second Avenue, Miami. If you have your ticket already please please please write in the new place.

W E N E E D T O K N O W ---

Whether you are planning to come and how many you will be bringing. Will you please fill in the order blank and mail it back to us today. Tickets are $1.75 each. If you send the money (which would help our bookkeeping) we'll mail the tickets back to you. If you wish us to reserve the tickets for you let us know and we'll hold them for you at the Social Welfare booth in Miami.*

E V E R Y B O D Y N E E D S T O K N O W ---

That Kirby Page, Disciples of Christ minister, and for forty years a prophet of peace in America is being honored at a testimonial dinner with Dr. James A. Crain, life-long friend of Mr. Page as the speaker. Tell your friends and bring them with you as long as 150 tickets last.

* They must be picked up by Tuesday noon.

Barton Hunter
222 South Downey Avenue
Indianapolis 7, Indiana

Dear Mr. Secretary-Treasurer:

Here is my check___money order___cash___ to cover the cost of _____tickets to the Kirby Page Recognition dinner on Tuesday October 26. Please mail them to me at:

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RELIGION IN LIFE

BY KIRBY PAGE

Meister Eckhart Led Fourteenth Century Crusade in Germany

Meister Eckhart is the towering figure in a mighty spiritual movement which arose in Germany at the beginning of the 14th century known as The Friends of God.

It was a time when wars and fightings, pestilence and plague, moral perversion and ecclesiastical corruption combined to produce terrible chaos and awful misery. But it was also the time when "Europe experienced the greatest wave of mystical religion that has ever appeared in any one period of Christian history."

Sought Spiritual Power

To an extraordinary degree members of these groups lived out their conviction that man has limitless capacity for communion with God, that God is near, accessible, persistent in his appeals, and that merging of man's will with the will of God is the condition of spiritual insight and power.

Eckhart was educated in Paris and taught at Cologne. He was a Dominican friar and to the end of his life considered himself a faithful member of the Catholic Church. After his death, however, some of his writings were condemned by a papal bull, with the consequence that they received little public notice for three centuries. The heart of his message is revealed in these passages:

Emphasizes God's Nearness

"For let a man go away or come back; God never leaves. He is always at hand and if he cannot get into your life, still he is never farther away than the door . . . He stands there, ligering, waiting for us to be ready and open the door and let him in. You need not call to him as he were far away, for he waits more urgently than you for the door to be opened. You are a thousand times more necessary to him than he is to you . . . God is a thousand times more ready to give than we are to receive."

MISSION OPENS IN ST. EMERIC'S PARISH SUNDAY

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THE TEMPLE
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SUNDAY, APRIL 4
10:30 A. M.
DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER
will speak on
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The Public Is Welcome

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RELIGION IN LIFE

BY KIRBY PAGE

John D. Rockefeller Proved Wise In His Gifts to Help Others

John D. Rockefeller possessed in superlative degree the gift of making money and proved himself to be one of the wisest of the spenders of money.

He was born in 1839 and lived to be ninety-eight. At the age of eight his parents moved from New York to Cleveland. Under pioneer conditions he received little schooling. After a period in the commission busines, he entered the business of refining petroleum. Through extraordinarily good judgment, and tireless labor, he rapidly assumed a leading position in the industry, until finally he obtained a near-monopoly.

Gives Away Fortune

When he retired from active business in 1911, he had accumulated one of the largest fortunes in history. By the end of 1950 more than eight hundred million dollars had been given away by the philanthropic institutions which he founded—the Rockefeller Foundation, the General Board of Education, the Rockefeller Institute of Medical Research, and the Laura Spelman Memorial. Much of this money was spent for research in the fields of health, education and science. In addition to these munificent gifts, John D. Rockefeller gave away huge sums personally to causes in which he was interested. Moreover, his practice of generosity was continued by his son, John D. Rockefeller Jr.

The most authentic biography of the elder Rockefeller shows how the wheat and the tares grew together in the life of this amazing man. But much good wheat was harvested—the resources of the nation were developed, production increased prodigiously, and all over the earth humanity has been served through wise generosity.

Praise Israel News Reports

Plaques will be presented to three newspaper editors at a service at 8:30 next Friday night in the emple on the Heights, 3130 May- Rd., Cleveland Heights.

N R. Howard of The n of the Plain

Open Shrines Late Sunday

Five major shrines, dedicated to the Blessed Virgin, will reopen Sunday.

Archbishop Edward F. Hoban will officiate at the opening services at 4 p. m. at Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine, 21320 Euclid Ave., Euclid.

A procession, recitation of the Rosary and benediction will be included in the services.

Other shrines, opening at 3 p. m., follow:

Our Lady of Czestochowa, 12215 Granger Rd., Garfield Heights; Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, 6618 Pearl Rd., Parma Heights; Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Lander Rd., Chagrin Falls; Our Lady of Levocha, 1160 Bro way, Bedford.

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MOHN TO REPORT ON MISSIONS

Dr. E. Harold Mohn of Chicago, executive director of the Methodist commission on promotion and cultivation, will tell of his recent visit to the mission fields at the denomination's spring conference at 7:30 Monday night in Windermere Methodist Church, Euclid and Holyoke Aves., East Cleveland. The meeting follows a dinner.

Lutheran League To Hear Kretzman

Annual meeting and fellowship supper of the Cleveland Chapter of the Lutheran Laymen's League will open at 6:30 Friday night in Good Shepherd Church, W 82d St. and Memphis Ave.

Dr. A. R. Kretzman of Chicago, Ill., will be the speaker Wilb Enkler, pr will pre

PEACE PETITION

TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

From the Undersigned Citizens Thereof:

Believing that war violates the will of God and threatens the nations of earth with mutual destruction, we ardently support your call to pray for peace: and since effective prayer requires consistent action, we humbly petition that you do your utmost in the spirit of the Lord's Prayer to:

(1) Negotiate with enemies according to the Golden Rule;

(2) Abolish weapons of mass extermination as an initial step toward international disarmament and devote the savings to human betterment;

(3) Reconcile conflicts peaceably through the United Nations and help nations of differing systems to live together in peace.

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Kirby 9-Alma

Today you are at Kay's. Home soon I assume.

The enclosed may interest you. I'm "fini" with it.

Swell of you to let us "expose ourselves" to your always stimulating little visits--two in last fortnight. Gracias

The big husky p. roots are in the good earth with some Vit. B and steer fertilizer to encourage quick growth.

The figs are wonderful , Alma...as all your other benefactions.

At Redlands on 15th May the evening meal and program will be at the U of R Commons --North side of campus, near the dorms and chapel. Notice will reach you by card May 1st. I am giving this wording to your topic-- "An Evaluation of Our U.S. Foreign Policy".

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Preliminary outline for criticism, deletion, addition discussion

THE WILL OF GOD

How Do We Find It and Get Power To Do It?

1. Be eager to discover God's plan for your own life

(a) Our Christlike God is a revealing Father

(b) He loves us individually, one by one

(c) He yearns for our companionship

(d) He needs our help in completing his work

(e)

2. By responding to the initiative of the Holy Spirit

~~(a) The promise of our Lord~~

~~(b) The experience of the early Church~~

~~(c) The testimony of the saints~~

2. ~~3.~~ Saturate your mind with the teaching and example of ~~our Lord~~ Jesus

(a) Understanding the situation in which he lived

(b) Reflect upon the alternatives before him

(c) ~~Study~~ Continue studying the record of his doings

(d) ~~Meditate upon the reasons for his crucifixion~~

~~4. Enjoy fellowship with our living Lord~~

~~(a) The significance of his resurrection~~

~~(b) The reality of the invisible world of the spirit~~

~~(c) Learn to be at home in the invisible world of the Spirit~~

4. 3. ~~5.~~ Be persistent in private prayer

(a) What is prayer?

(b) The prayer of adoration

(c) The prayer of thanksgiving

(d) The prayer of confession

(d) The prayer of commitment

(e) The prayer of intercession

(b) Private prayer

(c) Family prayer

(d) Group prayer

(e) Worship in the sanctuary

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4. mellow Your Spirit

(a) Pay attention to the beauty of God's universe

(b) Expose yourself often to the spell of great music

(c) Read great biographies

(d) Reflect upon great poetry

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5. Strive to Achieve Integrity & Character

(a) Truthfulness Eph 4:25

(b) Honesty Eph 4:28

(c) Purity 1 Thes. 4:3

(d) Unselfishness

(e) Self-giving concern Jn 15:13

6. ~~Be faithful in corporate prayer~~

(a) ~~In the home~~

(b) ~~In a prayer group~~

(c) ~~In the sanctuary~~

Hand 5 over

7 6. ~~7.~~ Love God With Your Mind

(a) The admonition of Holy Scripture Rom 12:2

(b) The complexity of modern life

(c) Test every proposal in every area of life by the will of God as revealed in the way of Christ

(d) The urgent need for Christian action

(e) The requirement of adult education on a massive scale

~~8.~~ Learn the will of God by walking in the light he has already given

(a) Obedience essential to deeper understanding

(b) Disciplins your will to do what is right in God's sight

8 7. 8. ~~9.~~ Experience fellowship on the highest ~~human~~ level

~~(a)~~ Enter into conversation frequently about the great issues of life

~~(b)~~ Pray with others about your responsibility

~~(c)~~ Seek human counsel before making crucial decisions

~~(d)~~ Enter into the fellowship of the saints

~~(e)~~ Experience comradeship in devotion to ~~a~~ great causes

(a) Partake regularly of Holy Communion

Listen to the Voice of the Church

9.

9. 9 ~~10.~~ Strengthen your faith in spiritual power

(a) The affirmations of the Bible

(b) The moral order of the universe

~~(c) Practice doing right~~

~~Walk in the light already given~~

The destructive nature of evil

(d) The creativity of goodness

8. 3. ~~8.~~ Live with a Sense of Mission John 6:38 4:34 Jas 1:3,4

(a) Deepen the desire to make your life count as ~~for God and man~~ God's fellow worker ~~ambassador~~ 2 Cor 5:20 6:1

(b) Live simply and purposefully Rom 8:14 12:1

(c) Use time wisely

10 **11.** **Discipline yourself to run the risks of doing the will of God, rather than suffer the consequences of doing wrong**

(a) Why was Jesus crucified?

(b) The plain teaching of Jesus about risks

(c) The experience of the early Church

(d) The testimony of prophets in every age

(e) Learn the will of God by walking in the light already given John 7:17

11. **12.** **Joyously leave the results in God's hands**

(a) Do your part and trust God Jn 14:25

(b) The wisdom of God

(c) The love of God

(d) The power of God

12. Experience eternal life in the midst of time

(a) The significance of the resurrection of ~~our Lord~~ Jesus

(b) Enjoy fellowship with our living Lord

(c) The reality of the invisible

(d) Learn to be at home in the ~~world~~ world of the Spirit

CASE STUDIES IN FINDING THE WILL OF God

Christian Century Lenten meditations

Even a righteous man sometimes behaves in such ways as to make plausible the explanation that he is in the grip of an evil force not himself which has gained possession of his body. Listen to this cry from St. Paul, as translated by Phillips: "My own behaviour baffles me. For I find myself not doing what I really want to do but what I really loathe... It is an agonising situation, and who on earth can set me free from the clutches of my own sinful nature?"

The truth of the business is that even the most moral of men urgently needs help in the mastery of himself. With profound wisdom, the first epistle of John tells us: "If we are silly enough to refuse to admit that we are sinners, then we live in a world of illusion and truth becomes a stranger to us... For if we take the attitude, 'we have not sinned,' we flatly deny God's diagnosis of our condition and cut ourselves off from what He has to say to us."

We cannot keep from falling into sin, but the good news is that there is help which enables us to rise again and walk again. With Paul we may exclaim: "I thank God there is way out through Jesus Christ our Lord." In our own day Alcoholics Anonymous have much to teach us about redemption from sin. From experience they have found that a victim of alcoholism must admit his own inability by his own effort to remain sober, and at the approach of danger, day or night, must be ready to telephone a fellow member that he needs immediate help. And that is the condition in which all of us live day after day and night after night. With a realization of the desperateness of our plight, we must pray to God for forgiveness and for strength, and must learn to live in intimate fellowship with our brethren.

O God, drive hom the conviction that sin is too much for us, and that without thy constant presence and loving help, we are lost souls. Amen.

Professed Christians now constitute a higher proportion of the total population of the United States than in any previous decade of our history. Yet materialism and secularism are everywhere rampant. It seems that a thin veneer of religion has been spread over rigorous conformity to the standards and customs of this world. We often yield to the temptation to make respectability the standard of righteousness, and it is not always easy to distinguish a Christian from any decent-minded unbeliever. We pay lip-service to Jesus while we follow him from afar.

To realize how far, how very distant, we are from Jesus' way of life, we have only to refresh our minds by reading thoughtfully the record of his doings. He was a man of religion, utterly engrossed in God, who became more real to him than his own disciples. His dominant desire was to please his Father and to follow God's guidance. As much as Jesus longed to live, as passionately as he desired to escape the cross of crucifixion, even more compelling was his determination to do what was right in God's sight. He called his disciples to this same devotion, this same eagerness to do God's will, in the face of any risk and at whatever cost. He warned against the temptation to put love of parent or child above commitment to the will of God, and insisted that nothing short of total allegiance was adequate. He promised his followers his own joy, the exaltation that comes from right relationship with God and man, in spite of persecution and pain and the threat of imminent death.

O God, flood our lives with acute distress over the contrast between the way we are now living and the way to which thou dost call us, and put it into our hearts to love thee with our entire being and to love neighbor that way. Amen.

Many are the signs pointing to the sickness of the American family. The high proportion of divorces to marriages is disturbing, but even more serious is the extent to which easy divorce is condoned by public opinion. Too few young couples enter into wedlock with the expectation that marriage will endure for life. Many Christian families are dominated by the same worldly ambitions as their non-religious neighbors. Material success and physical comfort often rank above eagerness to please God and maintain right relations with people. Parents are children alike become confused as to what is right and wrong, and yield to the pressure to live as the Romans live. Juvenile delinquency can usually be traced directly to parental delinquency. Widespread drinking of intoxicating liquor in youth circles is stimulated by the prevalence of serving liquor in the home. The military draft produces a sense of insecurity and consequent cynicism and reckless behavior. The quickened tempo of life for all members of the family reduces the time spent together in common pursuits. The gulf between the older generation and the younger is not being narrowed.

The most serious weakness of the family today is lack of vitality in the life of the spirit. God is too seldom taken into account. Small is the proportion of Christian parents who set aside a daily period for private prayer, and who spend time together in seeking guidance and strength from God. And family worship is even more rare. Too often children are not accompanied to Sunday School but are sent - if they go at all.

Dear Father, we crave forgiveness for the sorry condition of our family-life, and beseech thee to quicken desire and grant wisdom to transform our homes into little colonies of heaven. Amen.

The primary task of the Christian Church is to win individuals to total allegiance to God through complete surrender to Jesus Christ as Lord and Master, and to bind them in the fellowship of God's co-workers in hastening the coming of his kingdom on earth. It is not enough to help men and women to become decent and respectable. They must be led to render the full measure of their devotion to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, until in all their relations they live as good members of the divine home. They must make Christlikeness their aim in personal life, and the requirements of the Kingdom of God on earth the standard by which they judge all social institutions. They must come to the realization that when they pray the familiar words, "Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven," they are uttering petition for drastic changes in personal relations and in the present social order.

Thus we must do penance before God for racial segregation with all its injustice and cruelty. Especially must we cry to God for forgiveness for the appalling presence of segregation within the Christian Church itself, and hasten to bring forth fruits of penitence. We must make confession to God and implore his mercy because we continue to build our national economy upon the competition of selfishness, and carry on the processes of production and distribution in accordance with the strategy of the battlefield. In deep contrition we must turn from capital punishment, based as it is upon the sub-Christian policy of an eye for an eye, and place our dependence upon the prevention of crime and the detention of criminals for the purpose of curing and restoring them as good members of society.

O thou loving Father of us all, we implore thy help in making more sincere our cry of penitence for being satisfied with less than Christlikeness, and in making more determined our commitment to the doing of thy holy will in all our affairs. Amen.

Self-interest and self-protection often blind us to the true nature of our behavior. So it was with the good people who before the Civil War lived upon the proceeds of slave labor. As they felt the economic and social foundations quaking under their feet, they became ruthless in suppressing anti-slavery activities. And in our own day solicitude about adequate measures of national defense is leading us into practices which are deadening our national conscience.

Reflect upon what has happened to our moral sensitivity since first the Germans resorted to the bombing of open cities during the First World War. We denounced the bombing of British cities as atrocities, and atrocities they were because in all the raids from 1915 to 1918 nearly five thousand people were injured or killed. At the outbreak of World War II we likewise denounced the bombing of Warsaw and Coventry as atrocities, and atrocities they were. Then our General Staff felt obliged to retaliate with air raids, and we did not call it atrocity when a thousand American planes concentrated their attack with explosive and fire upon Dresden, and in forty-eight hours caused 250,000 casualties, wounded and killed. Nor did we call our action atrocity when precision bombing destroyed the sixty-five principal centers of Japan on an average of forty-five per cent of the geographical area of each community. Nor do we call it atrocity when we seek national defense through the threat of massive retaliation with atomic and hydrogen weapons of inconceivably destructive power.

Merciful God, do thou awaken in us realization of the enormity of our sin in seeking the preservation of human liberty through the threat of annihilating uncounted multitudes of thy children in other lands. Have mercy upon us, O God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

The Biblical doctrine that the sins of the fathers are visited upon the children to the third and fourth generation carries conviction when we put together the significance of human freedom and human interdependence. Without the power of choice and without ability ~~to exert~~ to exert mutual influence, good and evil, men would be little more than automotons out of which the good society could not be built. Thus the truth is that we sow and we reap.

Generation after generation has handed down the sins which put Jesus to death as an enemy of the community - pride, bigotry, fear, hatred, indifference, and the doctrine that the end justifies the means. Men of privilege and power looked upon Jesus as heretic, agitator and traitor. His religion was so sharply at variance with the prevailing ecclesiastical attitudes and practices; his relations with races and classes were so far from existing exclusiveness; his admonition to love enemies, even the Roman invader, appeared so treasonable to subjugated patriots; that the words of the high priest appeared convincing, "it is expedient for you that one man should die for the people, and not that the whole nation should perish." Thus law and order put to death the One who most completely lived out on this earth God's own life. And in all Jerusalem, hardly a little finger was lifted to prevent the most flagrant act of injustice in all time. Truly our sins are ruinous. Not only do they curse our own days, they flow like poison into the very texture of our children's lives.

We cry to thee, Father of all mercies, for forgiveness of our sins of carelessness and callousness. Make vivid before our eyes the appalling consequences of sin, and create within us clean hearts and renew a right spirit within us. Amen.

[n.d., 1954?] Bassett

① Fellow Americans! Let us take an honest look at ourselves. We boast of our democracy ~~which~~ [which was founded by Christian men about 1776. What is democracy? I believe it means that our government should be run ~~by~~ ~~as~~ by men or women who have Christian ideals of conduct. What are these vital ideals?

Honesty? Yes, we all agree on that.

Purity? No, we don't agree on the necessity of ~~the~~ handling sex impulses without lust! Our ~~[illegible]~~ entertainment industries and now much of our advertising appeal is based on the "allurements of sex". Women have rejected their responsibility ~~for~~ in this matter.

Unselfish Devotion to Duty – putting our own personal comfort secondary to what is the right thing to do. Are we neglecting this concept or perhaps rejecting it in our public consciousness?

② Is it possible for the American child to grow up with a vital sense of responsibility for the welfare of his fellow men without having this concept taught in the public schools as well as at home and at church? Why are Americans considered one of the rudest peoples on earth? Are our manners an exhibition of our superiority complex which we have been taught from the cradle? "America is the greatest nation on earth." Is that a Christian ideal? We should be as fine ~~a~~ a nation as we possibly can become. But is superiority a fine thing? Does it not beget hatred, contempt, despair? Are we not creating by our blind arrogance the very condition which leads to international conflict—to WAR?

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Can we continue to boast and flaunt our material wealth in the faces of all the other countries and avoid creating fatal jealousy?

If the Russian Communists are really our enemies how can we change them into friends? What did Christ tell us about enemies? Did he tell us to fight them? To be eternally suspicious of them? If communism is an idea we are afraid of then <u>can</u> we conquer it with anything else except a better idea? If Christianity is a better idea then how can we prove it? With hydrogen bombs in our pockets?

The Russians are just as afraid of us as we are of them. If you were a Russian what would you

think about Americans? How would you feel about the ring of steel that we are putting around Russia? Would it look like a friendly, or a Christian gesture?

Remember how Christianity infiltrated the Roman Empire and at last took over. The christians did it not with guns but with love toward their enemies. Love is stronger than hate. Until our love for the Russians becomes stronger than their hate for us we cannot conquer Communism. It will spread in spite of our guns.

Are we going to learn nothing from history? Do we still think that force is the way to control this world? Look what Gandhi did in India — a revolution without fighting

(5) Do we need an international police force? Yes, we do. But it must be a world police force. Half-Russian and half-American would be convincing proof to the smaller nations that we really want peace. The price of peace is good will. Whenever enough people on this earth want peace and are willing to sacrifice their own selfishness we will have peace. "If you care enough to share enough, there will be enough for all men."

How did we lick the problem of slavery? When enough people ~~if~~ realized that it was unjust and were willing to unite to do something about it slavery went out of fashion. Just so, war can go out of fashion too. What are you going to do about it?

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Dear Dr. Page,

I don't have the slightest idea of what the hold up can be when you write to Nashville for books.

Your letter and order has been passed along in a letter from me.

My partner in the SOURCE enterprise is a printer, Mr. Charles T. Warden, of the Hermitage Printing Co. where we have the printing done. His address is 110 Woodland Nashville, Tenn. Feel free to write directly to him if you want a quick order sometime. We still have the Post office box there, and someone is supposed to be caring for mail. We still have the same set up for mailing out books too. So I don't know what the hitch is.

You can write directly to me if you prefer, and I will pass anything along.

We are enjoying our work here in Montana very much. A man can breathe out here - not the work is easy lighter but the atmosphere is . somehow it is a spiritual tonic - these mountains and plains and streams with fish.

Sincerely yours,

George Harper

[n.d., 1954]

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Alma will be driving our car and we will be glad to have a staff person accompany us, or we will go to various places by ourselves.

GOD OR MAMMON - WHERE THE ISSUE LIES TODAY
By Kirby Page

The issue today lies between self-centeredness and God-centeredness. The choice is between personal ambitions and fellowship with the brethren in a service of lovingkindness. The contrast is between conformity to this world and total allegiance to our Lord Jesus.

Conversion in the New Testament is upheaval, turning things upside down and inside out. When a man is in Christ he is a new creation, with different attitudes and actions and relationships. His desires have been changed and his most eager longing is to be a faithful co-worker with Christ in doing the will of God. He has a sense of mission as an ambassador of his Lord and seeks to be a true witness as he bears the gld news of salvation. He lets his light shine to the glory of God. The members of the early church were aware of three deadly enemies of the good life - the world, the flesh and the devil. They admonised one another to avoid conformity to this world, and endeavored to come out from among them and be different. In these days you could distinguish a converted man from non-Christians by the way he lived. On the Lord's day the early Christians gathered together for the breaking of bread and the fellowship, and of them it was said, "Behold, how these Christians love one another."

Today we Christians are in urgent need of the fellowship. Our easy complacency is shattered when we measure ourselves by the standard of Christ. We are stricken with a sense of guilt when we contrast our present social order with the Kingdom of God on earth. We need forgiveness from God, a fresh inflow of his wisdom and power, and we need help from the brethren. All of us stand in the same desperate need of help as does the alcoholic who finds deliverance in the shelter of Alcoholics Anonymous. We have much to learn from the A. A.'s. A victim of liquor cannot become a member until he realizes his own helplessness and is ready to call upon God and seek human help. Second, he must feel free to call for assistance at any hour of the day or night from any member. Third, he must be willing to respond to the call of another. Fourth, he must meet frequently and regularly in the fellowship of the group. Men and women who are fulfilling these conditions are finding deliverance from the craving for strong drink. Veritable miracles of regeneration are being wrought.

All of us can find power in fellowship. We need God's guidance and power, and we need human help as we strive for Christlikeness of character and for a Christian social order. We need fellowship in prayer, fellowship in thinking and talking together, and fellowship in action. Like the A. A's we need to be strengthened and nurtured in the companionship of a sharing group.

Consider our need of prayerful conversation about our social order, about racial segregation, about the decadent state of politics, about our policy of depending upon the threat of massive retaliation with atomic weapons. Recently many of us received a beautifully printed booklet. On the cover is a drawing of a congregation streaming into church, and the caption, "Souls Don't Have Color." The booklet is an appeal to Christians to abolish segregation and establish brotherhood in this land of ours, and was sent by the president of a labor organization, Walter P. Reuther, president of the C. I. O. As we read this stirring appeal, many of us were filled with a sense of shame that an official of a labor union should appeal to clergymen to abolish segregation in worship. With too much truth it is often said that the most segregated hour in American life is at eleven o'clock on Sunday morning when Christians gather for worship in the sanctuary.

In the abandonment of segregation the churches are lagging behind the Supreme Court, the state universities, the public schools, public recreational centers, industrial plants, the army and the navy, and the labor unions. The commercial establishments, attitude of our churches is changing rapidly, and all of the larger religious bodies have passed resolutions in support of the decision of the Supreme Court against segregation. But only the merest beginning has been made in bringing people of all races together as members of the same churches.

To uproot the ancient traditions and practices of segregation is a task of the utmost difficulty. Long after individuals have gained their intellectual assent to the idea of equality of races, powerful emotions stand in the way of living as if we all belong to the same family of God. It is imperative that Christians gather in small prayerful groups to talk earnestly about ways of integrating the races in our churches, and to pray fervently for power to do what is right in God's sight.

Consider also our stockpile of atomic and hydrogen weapons. For nine years we have been producing bombs. Six or ~~seven~~ seven years ago the President told us that they were being produced on the assembly line in mass production. It is highly probably that some five thousand or more of these weapons are ready for us. We should never forget that the first primitive atomic bombs destroyed a large city and killed one hundred thousand men, women and children. Not satisfied with the destructive power of atomic bombs, we are now producing the far deadlier hydrogen weapons. It is conservatively estimated that one of these bombs is capable of demolishing buildings and taking life in an area of three hundred square miles - seventeen miles square.

Soviet Russia likewise has a large stockpile of atomic bombs and is making hydrogen weapons. Both sides possess means of carrying these means of destruction and slaughter to the ends of the earth. Not a spot on this earth is too far away to be hit with bombing planes, guided missles, submarine weapons. We are at their mercy and they are at our mercy. Both sides have almost unlimited powers of destruction.

Dear Rev. Page,

Certainly enjoyed your visit with us at Santa Maria. It was worth our time to drive down from San Luis Obispo. You will recognize possibly something you said in the enclosed Baccalaureate Program. Our speaker was Rev. Robert Moore, San Francisco.

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An Urgent Endeavor to Gain Insight and Power

Every thoughtful person is aware of the sickness of our society and the desperate needs of our people. Daily we encounter bewilderment, maladjustment, suspicion, fear, passion and conflict. What is an earnest Christian to do? How can he know what God wants him to do in specific situations, and how can he turn on God's power in the doing of his work.

Prompted by this realization of urgent need, a spontaneous movement has arisen in Southern California among ministers of many religious bodies who are planning a simultaneous search for answers to two questions: HOW CAN WE FIND THE WILL OF GOD? HOW CAN WE GET POWER TO DO IT?

They, with the cooperation of lay leaders, will inaugurate a series of unhurried PRAYER RETREATS on Sunday afternoons and evenings, perhaps alternating on Saturday afternoons and evenings. The local minister will meet successively with different groups of ten to thirty of his members for six or seven hours of prayer and conversation about these supremely important questions.

In some churches groups of ten to thirty individuals, different groups on successive Sundays, will remain for a simple dinner at the church after the morning service, or go to a home, and continue in prayer and conversation until six o'clock.

In some cases the minister will meet with a group at supper on a weekday and continue until ten o'clock. Can a minister use his time to better advantage than by setting aside one long evening per week for prayer and serious conversation with a different group each week?

The endeavor will be to enable lay members generally to enter into an experience somewhat comparable to that enjoyed by youth and adults who attend an institute or conference where they are lifted to a mountain-top experience of communion with God and fellowship with people, and return to their daily tasks with new vision and increased power.

COMMENDATION OF THE EXPLORATION

The simultaneous Spiritual Exploration is being commended to the ministers and churches of the nation by:

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THE NATURE OF THE SEARCH

This will be a search primarily not for answers to specific questions, but for WAYS of discovering what is right in God's sight in every relationship, and for POWER to live as God is yearning for us to live.

It is expected that during the weeks of these Prayer Retreats the minister will preach a series of sermons on these two questions.

In some cases the Retreats will be prepared for by visitation two by two to homes of members, interpreting the Exploration and enrolling individuals for the Retreats. Experiments will be made in enlisting youth groups, adult classes, women's societies, men's clubs and other agencies of the local church in the search. Indeed, these groups may come in a body to Prayer Retreats.

Various ways will be used in assembling the Prayer Retreat: (1) some ministers will begin with the church board divided into small groups on successive weeks, (2) some will bring together natural age groups, (3) some will give especial attention to Sunday School teachers and leaders of youth organizations, (4) some will endeavor to expose the entire church membership to the experience of an extended Prayer Retreat.

The Retreats are to be conducted by the minister of the local church, with the cooperation of several mature lay leaders. Several hours will be spent, not in a series of sermonettes, but in extended CONVERSATION about ways of finding and doing the will of God, with times of quietness and periods of listening to recordings of great music, WITH MUCH PRAYER, and the fellowship of a common meal. Perhaps a spacious HOME will be the best place for the Retreats. The search will not follow a common pattern. The leader will draw upon his own experience and follow his best judgment in conducting the prayer conversation.

THE EXPECTATION

It is expected that the Spiritual Exploration will (1) bring new vitality into the lives of those who take part, (2) increase the number and zest of continuing prayer-study groups which meet regularly, (3) establish the unhurried Prayer Retreat as a PERMANENT PART of the work of the local church, (4) be of great value to the minister also, (5) and in these ways, by deepening communion with God and bringing about warmer fellowship among members of the church, intensify desire to know and to do the will of God, bring clearer guidance from God, strengthen faith, instil courage and nurture perseverance.

PREPARATION

Wherever practicable, ministers who are to take part in the Exploration will meet previously in small groups for all-day conversation and prayer about ways of increasing the effectiveness of the common search. In Southern California such periods of fellowship are planned for July 23, July 30, August 6, August 13, September 10.

Some groups of ministers will spend a day together after it has been under way for three or four weeks, for an exchange of experiences and for the consideration of plans for the future. Such a period of fellowship is planned for October 29 at the First Methodist Church in Whittier.

The local minister may want to spend a day in a Prayer Retreat with lay leadership in preparation for the Spiritual Exploration.

TWO NEW BOOKS

Two little books are being written especially for the Spiritual Exploration by an interdenominational group composed of:

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One of these books is to be entitled THE WILL OF GOD: How Can We Find It and Get Power To Do It? with an Introduction by Bishop Gerald Kennedy. The other one is THE CHRISTIAN CITIZEN: Co-worker With God in Building the Good Society. These are to be 128-page, paper-bound books, and will sell for 35 cents. At this stage no date can be set for their publication.

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Monday.

Dear Kirby;

Since we are on daylight time and your train is on standard we will arrive shortly after you have had your breakfast in Galesburg on Sunday morning, August 22nd.

I have checke d about your going on to Anderson Indiana, and find that the XXXXXX New York Central train that leaves St. Louis at 1.00 p.m. on Monday stops at Mattoon at 3.05. Mattoon is slightly farther than St. Louis but there is no city traffic to slow us up and it will be an easier trip and give us more time with you. That train reaches Anderson Indiana at 6.07. If those arrangements are not satisfactory we can change them when you arrive.

We are so happy that you are coming--Sherwood is already making his list of things he wants to talk over with you. And I am planning to ask a few people in for Sunday night supper--the Robbins in particular--rather like the group when you were here last year. But if you would rather not send me a wire. I'll not do the inviting until mid-week.

Sherwood is sending the final revision of his Autobiography to Harper's this afternoon--its a great occassion! What a lot we'll all have to talk over!

Ever devotedly,

Ruth

Expect Great Things From God! Attempt Great Things For God!

A SPIRITUAL EXPLORATION

A Search Through Prayer Retreats For Answers To Two Questions

Every thoughtful person is aware of the sickness of our society. Everywhere there is confusion, maladjustment, tension, suspicion, fear, and conflict. Beyond the broken homes registered in divorce courts are countless families rent by bitter quarrels and unloving relationships. Many young people are haunted by a sense of insecurity and a feeling of futility in life. Across racial lines there is much hostility, and the economic ~~arena often resembles a battlefield~~. The political scene sometimes brings a feeling of nausea, while nations are hovering on the brink of hydrogen warfare. Civil liberties are widely scorned, and many teachers are filled with timidity. And sometimes the message of the Prince of Peace is proclaimed in a nearly inaudible whisper.

struggle is often ruthless.

Prompted by realization of urgent need, a spontaneous movement has arisen in Southern California and Arizona among ministers of many religious bodies who are planning a search for answers to two questions: HOW CAN WE FIND THE WILL OF GOD? HOW CAN WE GET POWER TO DO IT? What does God want us to do in the home, in personal relations, in the neighborhood, in race relations, in economic life, in political affairs, in international relations? How can we get power to live the way God wants us to live all the time?

Ministers with the cooperation of lay leaders will inaugurate a series of unhurried PRAYER RETREATS in their local churches or homes of members. Experience has shown conclusively the value of SEVERAL HOURS of sustained fellowship, conversation and prayer. The local minister will meet successively with different groups of ten to forty of his members for prolonged exchange of perplexities and problems, and for an earnest search for answers and for God's power.

TIME OF THE RETREATS

1. Some ministers will use Saturday afternoon and evening from 2 to 9 with different groups on successive weeks for this prayerful conversation.
2. In some cases different groups of ten to forty will remain after the morning service on successive Sundays for dinner at the church, or in a home, and remain together until 6 o'clock.
3. Some ministers will meet with different groups on Sunday afternoon and evening from 2 to 9.
4. Frequent use will be made of the supper fellowship and long evening of sustained conversation and prayer.
5. Groups of women will meet from 10 A.M. to 3 or 4 P.M. on weekdays.

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WAYS OF ASSEMBLING THE RETREATS

1. Some ministers will begin with the church board divided into small groups on successive weeks.
2. Some will assemble four groups of the board on successive weeks, and then meet with these same groups monthly for three months.
3. Some will bring together natural age groups.
4. Some will give especial attention to Sunday School teachers and leaders of youth fellowships.
5. Some will endeavor to expose the entire church membership to the experience of an extended [redacted] Prayer Retreat.

In Southern California, after the Spiritual Exploration has been under way for several weeks, participating ministers are to meet for an exchange of experiences at THE FIRST METHODIST CHURCH, WHITTIER, Bailey and Friends, on NOVEMBER [redacted] 5th, from 2 to 5 P. M.

THE EXPECTATION

1. It is expected that the Spiritual Exploration will bring fresh vitality to those who take part.
2. Increase the number and zest of continuing sharing groups which meet regularly for the facing of acute problems in prayerful conversation and with much prayer.
3. Establish the unhurried Prayer Retreat as a PERMANENT PART of the work of the local church.
4. Be of great value to the minister also.
5. In these ways, by deepening communion with God and bringing about warmer fellowship among members of the church, intensify desire to know and to do the will of God, bring clearer guidance from God, strengthen faith, instil courage, and nurture perseverance.

THE EMPLOYMENT OF A MINISTER FOR THIS PURPOSE

Church boards are invited to consider the possibility of employing a special minister for the important function of giving most of his time to prolonged conversation and prayer with sharing groups. One possibility is the selection of a minister whose health does not permit strenuous activity, or a retired minister with rich experience.

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Dear Kirby,

Thanks for letting me have the chance to send the enclosed to you on the expenses. Wish it could be more – but if you're still short after receipts till add to this.

Many thanks for your help, interest & friendship. Greetings to you & your wife,

Cordially,

Clark Robbins

200

The Bible ①

Brother Kott - non-Progressive
Dictation - Harmonized

Book of Revelation - Inspired
Revealer - Receiver - (3 Sons)
66 books - 1200 yrs

How Does God Speak?
No man has ever seen
never saw a human spirit
never saw idea - memory
God is a Spirit - Living Being
Loving Father
Love higher - "foolishness"
Can speak because
We are in his image (That of God)
mind - emotion - will
(animal body but)
Takes initiative - knocks
(3 sons)

God's Revelation in Christ
Never left without witness
Through his Son - [Heb. 1]
God as good as Jesus
God is the same
During the 1200 years
Never accept any interpret.

Summary

(4-5)

Tuesday Night

Listen to this good news- listen
as if your very life depended upon
clear understanding

You are absolutely indis. to God
can never be fully himself
" " complete his work

Because a loving father is lonely
for companionship +
needs your help in building his
Kingdom on earth

God grieves over the lost son - (99)
longs for the ret. / every prodigal
dreams with yearnings

Rom. 8:26, 27
Hosea 11:3, 4

sparrow

Prayer

God needs your help
Hungry baby
Teaching to speak
" " be Christlike

life abundant

Therefore: Respond to God's need
accept responsibility

Help God abolish poverty + provide plenty
If we spent 1/10 of war-expend.
we know how to farm
" " " " produce goods
" " " " treat epidemics

God needs help in abolishing
war an estab. world peace

Prince of Peace

We know what to do

(over)

~~1. share~~

1. Recognize
2. Pray for
3. Self-giving concern + share
4. Disarm
5. United nations
6. ~~Trust God~~ & run risks
   & overcoming evil with good
   instead of talking cruelly of
7. Leave the results in
   the hands of God

Hydrogen warfare

You are absolutely necessary
God yearns for companionship
it needs Each

This can transform your life –
at Continental divide

Emblem

Book order blank

Good news
of your
new life

Freedom of choice

The Bible (2)

9-9:45

God is not a ventriloquist - dummy
God never puts on a puppet show
& by jerking strings —
never as automatic typewriter
always treats us as sons & daughters
Granted - freedom & choice
Trusts us - " " "
Knocks at door - but does
not batter down -

To understand Bible:
1. Two sides to Revelation
2. Reveals as much as
3. never use man as a typewriter
4. Jesus is the full grown son
God is as good as JESUS

What shall I do with my money?

1. Unlimited vengeance
   Lamech - Gen. 4:23, 24
   2 cities - Deut 20:10-18
   Children - Ps. 137:9
2. Limited Retaliation
   Eye for eye - Ex 21:24
3. Love & for-giveness
   Rom. 12:20, 21 (no. 18)

Test by Way of Christ:
Matt. 5:23, 38-48 (no: 18)
Forgive 70 x 7
Father Forgive

Isa. 53

Isa 55

Ps. 139 (no. 1)

Bible is Holy because of Revelation

1. Two sides
2. as much as can be received
3. never treats man as toy/pawn
4. Jesus is the test
   God is as good
   God always true to Him-
   Man accept any
   witness.

9:00 - 9:45

The Bible (3)

RSV more dangerous than atomic bomb

How was N.T. written?

Jesus lived
church came into being

Paul's letters
1 Thess. x Galatians - 50

Mark - 65-70

~~Q - before 75~~

Mt - 75-85

Lk - 85-95

John - 90-100

Rev. x 1 Peter 95-110

How do we know "age" of N.T.
Moffatt - Jesus Christ the same

Copies were made - No printing of course
several letters or Gospels printed together
Thousands of Greek & Syrian mms. -

Old Syriac Gospels 150

Earliest Greek mms of entire Bible - 350
ended with Barnabas
Shepherd of Hermas

Extant Greek mms - 2/3 omit Book of Rev.
Eastern ch. " - almost all omit "

A.D. 367 - Athanasius List - same as Today
Ulfilas - omits Rev.

Latin Bible - The Vulgate - 400 contained Apocrypha (14)
Luther included but printed separately
Prot. Bible Soc. took def. stand against in 1827

1. John Wyclib - Eng. version 1380.1
2. Tyndale 1524
3. Coverdale 1535
4. Great Bible 1539 (authorized) (1)
5. Geneva 1560
6. Bishops Bible 1568 (authorized) (2)
7. Rheims 1582
8. Douay 1609
9. King James 1611 (authorized - 3rd) 50 yrs opposition
bad theology - bad scholarship - bad English

1881-1885 Eng. Revision
1901 Am. Standard Version
1946 - NT - R.S.V.
31 - Scholars - also Advisory Board - Rev. E. D Hobb

1. Better manuscripts
2. Better knowledge of Greek
3. Words change their meaning

use many diff. translations

Jesus Christ the Same!

as good as Jesus

The Bible ✝

Lolt – only we would be saved – Basil
Evangelist – chart & hell fire –
Suppose we were correct

Salvation – many ideas

Pharisees – 603 commands – Legalism
Jesus – 2 commandments

Spiritual Rel. versus Materialized Rel.
Amos 5: 14, 15, 21–24
Micah 6:8
Beatitudes etc
Woman at well John 4: 21–24

How does Jesus save us?

and I if I be lifted up from
the earth will draw John 12:32

The Cross

God
Sin
Way to live – nevertheless

The Parable of Last Judgment Matt 25

God is as good as Jesus on cross
Surprise

"Everlasting fire"

1. Hell is that God is love
if you deny evil
2. Fires of Gehenna

Hold on to Love of God
The message of the Bible
never- accept any interpret—

1. Surrender
2. ~~Follow~~
3. Run Risks & Take energy.
4. Expect guidance & power
guide into all truth
create Hunger

(Living God
living christ)

God is Same
Eager to reveal to you

God wills
Communion
Help

You will be saved
by doing

Saved
in this world
ages to come

Please return to K.P.

The writings of Kirby Page have been translated into Bulgarian, Chinese, Czech, French, German, Greek, Japanese, Russian (published in Switzerland), Spanish, Swedish. The total circulation of his books and pamphlets runs to a million copies. His articles have appeared in hundreds of newspapers and church papers published by local churches, and in eighty periodicals.

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5. The Abolition of War (with Sherwood Eddy)
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7. Imperialism and Nationalism
8. Makers of Freedom (with Sherwood Eddy)
9. Dollars and World Peace
10. Recent Gains in American Civilization (editor)
11. Jesus or Christianity
12. A New Economic Order (editor)
13. National Defense
14. The Personality of Jesus
15. Living Creatively
16. Individualism and Socialism
17. Living Triumphantly
18. Living Courageously
19. Creative Pioneers (with Sherwood Eddy)

20. Must We Go To War?
21. Religious Resources for Personal Living and Social Action
22. Living Prayerfully
23. Living Abundantly
24. The Will of God For These Days
25. The Light Is Still Shining In The Darkness
26. Now Is The Time To Prevent The Third World War
27. The Creative Revolution of Jesus: Then and Now
28. Living Joyously

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2. An American Peace Policy*
3. Collective Bargaining
4. Capitalism and Its Rivals
5. Danger Zones of the Social Order (with Sherwood Eddy)
6. Dollars and World Peace*
7. France and the Peace of Europe
8. How Does God Deals With Evildoers
9. How Jesus Faced Totalitarianism
10. How To Keep America Out of War
11. If War Is Sin
12. Imperialism and Nationalism*
13. Incentives in Modern Life
14. Industrial Facts
15. International Relations in the Light of the Religion of Jesus

16. Living With Peace of Mind

17. Mahatma Gandhi and His Significance

18. THe Meek Shall Inherit the Earth

19. The Monroe Doctrine

20. National Defense*

21. A National Peace Department

22. Power From the Bible

23. Property

24. The Renunciation of War

25. The Sword or the Cross*

26. Twelve Thousand Clergymen on War and Peace

27. Unconditional Surrender

28. The United States Steel Corporation

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18. Christian Evangelist
19. Christian Herald
20. Christian Work
21. Churchman
22. Church School Journal
23. Church Tower
24. Church Woman
25. Classmate
26. Clear Horizons
27. Congregationalist
28. Cumberland Presbyterian
29. Epworth Herald
30. Federal Council Bulletin
31. Fellowship
32. Forum
33. The Friend
    Friends Intelligencer
34. Front Rank
35. General Baptist Messenger
36. Gospel Herald
37. Gospel Messenger

38. Herald of Gospel Liberty

39. Federal Council Information Service

40. Intercollegian

41. International Journal of Religious Education

42. Literary Digest

43. Living Age

44. Locomotive Engineers Journal

45. Lutheran Messenger

46. The Mennonite

47. The Messenger

48. Methodist Layman

49. Michigan Christian Advocate

50. Motive

51. The Nation

52. New Leader

53. The New Republic

54. Northwestern Christian Advocate

55. Onward

56. Pacific Christian Advocate

57. Prebyterian Life

58. Presbyterian Messenger

59. Presbyterian Outlook

60. Presbyterian Tribune
The Readers Digest

61. Reconciliation

62. Reformed Evangel

63. Religious Education

64. Social Welfare
65. Southern Churchman
66. Student World
67. The Survey
68. Unity
69. Universalist Leader
70. Watchman-Examiner
71. Western Christian Advocate
72. Wesleyan Messenger
73. Womans Press
74. Womans Viewpoint
75. World Call
76. World Tomorrow
77. World Outlook
78. Zion's Herald

Dear Friends,

It is a wonderful idea to keep "God's children" as they were born out of their individual experiences during that week at Whittier, in touch with each other by way of continuing to share part of their own selves expressed in their daily lives and personal happenings.

I have many friends dispersed all over the world in many different countries with whom I keep up contact by writing once in a while. We remain the same in our love and friendship for each other, we find inner growth together though we live under absolutely different conditions and influences. We have not seen each other for an age of a lifetime, I might say, but I often think it is the same as with God. We cannot see Him but we know He is there and always the same. The spirit is so real and that is so wonderful for me to know. It seems that the circle is beginning to extend for us, shaping into another kind of fellowship, a wider cycle on a higher plane, let us hope. Though I am living alone - I am the last one of my family with relatives only from my husband's side, and they are all in the East with one exception - I never feel alone or lonesome. I had a nice little house but a year ago it was submerged by the Freeway construction. I could not find another one yet and am rooming with two widowed ladies at this time. I have the feeling that sometime something nice will come again to meet my inner desires. It has always been that way with me and I have only to wait.

I lost my dear husband by death after having been in this country for four months and that is going to be fifteen years. I worked very hard to make my living for twelve years and had to retire because of health, a condition which I can say, because so much better through my faith in prayer. This is such a power which I am sharing with my wonderful group of friends - Los Angeles Friends Meeting. And it was with them that we had a day of enlightening entertainment and discussions on a retreat at Kirby Page's home high up in the mountains near La Habra. We were about twenty, and winding up the road to the last house on the mountain top we were struck by the ravishing beauty of the many green hills, which we were leaving beneath us. It is a lovely home Kirby has, hidden behind giant fir trees with dogs and kittens around everywhere in best contentment. Kirby's sister-in-law who is living with him had a delicious chicken-rice dinner ready for us at noon time. We stayed from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. and sitting around Kirby in a circle talking about God and the world, and also about burning questions of the day.

This was one of our highlights since Institute week. Those of us who had been there were of course still very much linked to all the divine experiences there and able to contribute in sharing with the others.

As K.P. told us that this coming winter many church denominations were going to work with their members in a similar group setup and mixed with others as well I think we can be looking forward to quite some surprising enterprises after the Evanston Church World Rally in August.

With best wishes,

Elsa Rothschild

How and when shall I unpack these bags brought from Whittier?

They stand unlatched and open about the room, yet I seem loath to touch them,
To unfold the garments and lift the wine skins all buried there.

Do I fear, I wonder, that I might spill the wine, and are the garments symbols of the feast?
I know so little and feel so much.

We walked in with such spirit of animal and sprite about us,

We shook our locks and dared the eagle glance at one another;

Then settled down to contemplate and share, and amongst us grew a god.

We laughed and drank with him, Man's humour so good to see and hear.

Our eyes and ears delighted, for the source of him was clear and vital, God-given.
At last we drew him in, into our circle, now charmed with searching for heaven-stored treasure.
And the god became one of us and with such grace and such humility told of his store of goods
These seemed to him to bear the mark of pride and he was in despair!

But like us, his longing for love was great and he felt the void only because he loved so much.
And we knew he had ~~been~~ gathered by our Heavenly Father and would continue to long for love.
We were suddenly one! And this laughing, lovable god amongst us now turned sober
Let loose the source of his waters of life and we were bathed in tears,

Tears of our own awe and humility and tears for him who bared again to us

That 'Spirit which delights to do no evil'.

Jane Baumann

Dear Friends,

What shall I write about? I haven't written sooner for the second roll of about ten pictures isn't developed yet. Several good ones were in the first roll. When the second roll is ready I'll write a description so you can have any duplicates you want.

Best wishes,

Don Yetter

Dear Friends,

This has been a most hectic summer and life has seemed to be just one deadline after another. Finally I'm beginning today to take part of my vacation. My husband, Brooks, and I just couldn't seem to get our schedules together so that we could leave at the same time, so I'm taking a couple of weeks to go back to St. Joseph Missouri and see my mother now. Later this fall Brooks and I can take a few weeks off and do something together.

I'm catching up on all the loose ends and have just finished writing the minutes for a new Pacific Coast group of the Committee for the Scientific Study of Religion. It's a group that was organized by Talcott Parsons and Gordon Allport at Harvand about seven years ago and is just getting started in a branch out here. It's supposed to bring together social scientists and religious scholars to apply scientific method to study and understanding of religious phenomena. I can't help feeling that there are certain elements in religious feeling, some of which we shared at Whittier, which can never be subjected to analysis by scientific methodology. The experiences that moved some of us so intensely just cannot be isolated and charted and measured by any scientific study of group dynamics. I wonder why we feel it's so necessary to apply scientific methology to everything in the world? Are we becoming afraid to be emotionally as well as intellectually religious? Of course, just as knowledge of the atom is knowledge of God, if religious experiences and phenomena can be explored scientifically they need be no less meaningful. Perhaps the thing that bothers me is the feeling I get in so many groups that what cannot be rationally understood is invalid.

I was interested to know that Phil Rudnick is a physicist. My husband is too. He's working in an administrative job now. As a Quaker, I always feel a little embarrassed to admit that it's with the Naval Grdnance Test Station. And yet, I'm glad that we have the sort of marriage where we can have mutual love and respect and yet hold quite different opinions, as far as our convictions about the necessity for military defense are concerned.

Franklin Marshall has gone on a vacation trip for the first time in years. Katherine Fleming has been coming to meetings for worship at First Friends for the past month while her own church is closed for the summer.

I hope we can see each other again sometime.

Cordially,

Frances Poynter

Dear Friends,

Yes, indeed, it is a grand idea to send around details about the experiences of the Whittier group. What a glorious experience we had!

Alma and I are enjoying the experience of having two and three groups per week come to our hill-top for all-day fellowship in prayer and conversation. Our daughter Mary is the wife of Walt Raitt. They have four children. Our son Kirby Jr. teaches in high school in Linden, near Stockton. They have three children, thus we have seven grandchildren. What more can be said!

Cordially,

Kirby Page

Box 247, La Habra

Dear Friends,

Gretchen's letter came when we were busy tying up grapes, etc., after having been away for a week at Whittier. We must tie paper bags over our grapes, or the birds, bees, and ants get there first.

All of last week we had company. Mae and George Walton were here. Mae is my husband's cousin and George is Dean of Allbright College in Reading, Penna. This was their first trip to California. It was over 105° all thru the middle west and was 116° in Oklahoma City. It doesn't cool off there at night and the humiddy is 90% or more. They thought our California climate delightful and enjoyed the cool nights. Also the great amount and variety of fruits we have out here.

However this taking them sightseeing was too much for me. By doctor's orders I am to have two to three hours rest in bed every afternoon, go to bed early and do no walking. I had already walked far too much at Whittier, then when the company was here we went to Knott's Berry Farm one day, as they were anxious to see some of the things of the gold rush days. I am just all in and will have to spend a lot of my time in bed for a while to get feeling better. That is what a broken back and a bad heart does to one. I am not complaining, I should have known my limitations after six and a half years of doctor's orders. I always suffer when I disobey.

You wanted to know something about us. We have no children, much to our sorrow. My husband, a retired Mechanical Engineer, is a graduate of M.I.T. in Cambridge, Mass. He taught there five and a half years and then to have more time in the open, was Mechanical Engineer at a paper mill is Bangor, Maine for eleven years. Then three years Mech. Supt. of a paper mill in Adams, Mass. Then we moved out here. He has some fruit trees and a garden to take up his time and since I have been ill he does the housework, which the doctor won't let me do. I do the cooking and the dishwashing. As I am in bed so much, my time there is spent in reading and listening to the radio. I do some sewing for the W.S.C.S., the women's organization of our Church. I have always been very active and do not like the doctor's orders but it seems I must obey or suffer the consequences.

Sincerely,

Edythe Wengert

Dear Friends,

I am sure we all welcome the offer of Gretchen to put together any words we might send her and share it with the other members of the group.

Sunday P.M. when Brian Jones spoke on UNICEF at our Meeting there were nine of us in attendance who had been regulars at the Institute. Brian showed us pictures of poverty and disease conditions in Thailnad similar to the conditions shown in the movie we saw at the Institute one afternoon. When he said that a 20¢ shot of penicillin would often cure a disease like yaws, it made us feel we wanted to do something to alleviate those terrible conditions.

We have a nineteen year old boy too. He is working hard at Landscaping and similar heavy work to keep in condition for football at Claremont Men's College this fall. My wife and I plan a month's vacation during August with Seattle as an ultimate goal. We would like very much to attend Pacific Yearly Meeting and plan to take in one session at least. We have reservations on a Union Steamships Limited Freighter, Cardena, for a four day trip up the Inland Passage to River's Inlet. We have always wanted a boat trip of this sort and felt since we were to be in Seattle we should avail ourselves of the nearness of Vancouver and this delightful boat trip.

We are busy about home, painting garage, pruning trees and shrubbery, picking berries, mowing lawns and doing the many duties which go with a half acre of ground in California.

Sincerely,

Franklin O. Marshall

Dear Friends,

I like the plan of keeping in touch with the members of our Group who "were sheltered together for a great moment under the mantle of God".

My sister-in-law, Cora Zachert, whom you perhaps met at Institute, left for Yosemite, Fresno, Portland, Seattle, Vancouver, then eastward and south to her home in Georgia. I am now frantically trying to catch up on pressing duties which I could not attend to during the three weeks while Cora was with me.

Gretchen's letter has caused me to definitely decide to go to Yearly Meeting in Seattle. If Eva and Clarence George do decide after all to go to Seattle, I shall go with them as I did to Redlands and to Beulah Park. If they still feel they cannot go this year I shall go by bus as I did in 1948.

It would be good to see you all again.

Cordially,

Adeline Zachert

Dear Friends,

We sincerely hope the contacts we made will continue to grow stronger.

Katheryn and I have just returned from a week's Institute at Pepperdine College which we found very helpful. We still feel that peace on earth and brotherhood have a very direct connection.

We have found that by bringing people together in groups many misconceptions disappear - and many friendships develop. Since I am retired we devote much time and effort to this end.

We plan a trip to Oregon in August to see our son and his family of three - two boys and a girl - and of course there will be some fishing and much visiting. We hope to be home by October 1, and ready for lots of work this fall.

Sincerely,

Lex Cox

Dear Friends,

We're sticking pretty close to home these days. Our new baby was supposed to come three days ago.

Phoenix Friends Meeting breaks ground tonight in building a ramada and our first building.

Sincerely,

Grant Fraser

Editorial note from Gretchen: The following announcement is from the Friends Intelligencer:

BIRTH

FRASER - On August 23, to Grant C. and Ella Ayars Fraser of Phoenix, Arizona, a daughter named Susan Carol Fraser. She is a granddaughter of Helen Waddiggtom Ayars of Salem Monthly Meeting, N.J. The parents are members of Phoenix Monthly Meeting.

Dear Friends,

Here at last are the group letters. I cannot tell you how much it has meant to me to hear from you; I have thought so much about all of you.

Jane Baumann asked me if you could all have the first message just as it came from each one. I have, as you see, tried to manage this. However, I expect that I attempted to make too many carbons at once to save some of the work, so please forgive me for the copies that are faint.

Summer is over, and school is about to begin. I will again do some part time teaching in Adult Education here in San Diego. I teach in the tubercular ward of the County Hospital, and find the work very challenging.

I did get to Yearly Meeting, and it was an inspiration. We met in a beautiful setting, among great trees, and again renewed our fellowship and our dedication. There was much said at the Meeting about what it means to be a Quaker, and we will all be giving deep thought all year to the ideas brought out in the daily sessions and in the ministry.

I hope you will write again. May God bless all of you in all your concerns and endeavors.

With affection,

Gretchen Rudnick

Dear Kirby,

I hope you have had a good summer, and that I will see you during the coming year. Sincerely, Gretchen

JOHN G. BARROW
4509 CRESTWAY DRIVE
AUSTIN 3, TEXAS

Kirby: If I understood her correctly, a Mrs. Mendenhall, who said that she had known you [or your wife] for years, wanted to be remembered to you. She was trying to find out where you are staying, but I didn't know. I believe she said she is the mother of Dorothy Munro, who, with her husband Harry, are members of our AFSC regional committee. (They live in Fort Worth.) Sorry this is so sketchy, but it was hard to get the telephone message clear.

She called me from the home of Mrs. L. W. Payne, 2104 Pearl (phone 2-8089); but I don't know whether she lives there or not.

John Barrow

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La Habra California.

Dear Mr. Page:

I find that it will be impossible for me to share in the conference Friday June 4th and June 25th. On the first date I am in a special conference looking toward a program of higher education for our church on the coast and on the second date I will be in Oakland California in attendance at the annual meeting of our California Conference.

My program from then to January 1,1955 is too crowded to allow me to take on additional duties.

Sincerely yours,

O. E. Schafer

PRAYER RETREATS ARE POWER HOUSES

By Kirby Page

In Southern California extensive use is being made of all-day prayer retreats as sources of spiritual illumination and power. The results are so satisfying that I am devoting most of my time to extended conversations with groups of twenty to forty people, assembled for serious consideration of the responsibility of being a Christian in such a day as this, and in unhurried prayer. As a basis of our exploration, we are using these fourteen ways of finding and doing the will of God in our time.

1. Reflect upon the character of God.
2. Saturate your mind with great passages from the Bible, especially with the record of the doings of Jesus.
3. Enjoy constant comradeship with our living Lord.
4. Expect guidance from the Holy Spirit.
5. Receive forgiveness and power in partaking of Holy Communion.
6. Be persistent in private prayer, family prayer, group prayer, and corporate worship in the sanctuary.
7. Experience human fellowship on the highest level.
8. Mellow your spirit by constant exposure to the power of silence, to great music, and to the beauty of nature.
9. Read great books and study the experiences of the noblest men and women of the race.
10. Seek understanding of the breadth and depth of the will of God in all phases of life, especially in the areas of social conflict.
11. Run the risks of doing what is right in God's sight, rather than take the consequences of doing what we know to be wrong.
12. Proceed with confidence in God, and joyously leave the results in his loving hands.
13. Experience eternal life in the midst of time.
14. Value every hour as of priceless worth, and make wise use of time.

The division of time used follows these patterns: 10 A. M. begin with a long-playing record of great music; prayer and conversation until 12 noon; recess and fellowship until 12:30;

luncheon in silence except for great music until 1:30; session until 3:30; tea and fellowship until 4; (some groups adjourn at 4); session until 5:30; recess and fellowship until 6; supper in silence except for great music until 7; session until 9 o'clock adjournment.

An alternate division of time is: 2 P. M. begin with record of great music; prayer and conversation until 3:30; tea and fellowship until 4; session until 5:30; recess and fellowship until 6; supper in silence except for great music until 7; session until ~~6~~ 9 o'clock adjournment.

Some groups meet for an all-day retreat on Saturday, some on Saturday afternoon and evening; some on Sunday afternoon and evening; some women's groups meet for an all-day retreat on weekdays, with husbands coming for supper and evening session. Sometimes it is better to meet in a home with a large living-room and opportunity for quietness.

In every case individuals of breadth of experience and depth of spiritual insight participate in the general conversation about the deeper issues of life. The discussion ranges from the will of God in personal relations to the will of God in economic life and world affairs.

Here is a procedure which may be used, with little promotion and little expense, by a pastor or a ministerial association with deep and enduring results. Experience shows that twenty to forty people in a circle can engage in intimate discussion and fervent prayer over a period of five to seven hours. Fellowship in prayer and discussion and action is the breath of spiritual life in any

church where "two or three" spend time together in seeking to find the will of God and power to do it.

I would be glad to correspond with interested individuals about our experiences in prayer retreats, and may be addressed: Box 247, La Habra, California. E specially would I like to know about the experiences of other groups in prayer retreats.

Editor: You may want to print Tennyson's poem on the same page

More things are wrought by prayer
Than this world dreams of. Wherefore, let thy voice
Rise like a fountain for me night and day.
For what are men better than sheep or goats
That nourish a blind life in the brain,
If, knowing God, they lift not hands of prayer
Both for themselves and those who call them friend?
For so the whole round earth is every way
Bound by gold chains about the feet of God.

TURN ON GOD'S POWER

By Kirby Page

The marvelous experience we are having in prayer retreats has put an idea in my mind: Let every pastor meet with all his people in all-day prayer retreats, in sections of twenty to forty at a time. He may want to conduct these retreats himself, or he may obtain help.

Saturday afternoon and evening may be a suitable time, or Sunday from 2 to 9 o'clock. Perhaps on Sunday the section invited to the retreat on that day may remain for dinner, after the morning service. The sessions may be held in the church, or in a home with a large living-room and opportunity for quietness. Provision can easily be made for care of children.

The theme for the retreats may well be: Finding and doing the will of God in this day of fear and conflict. No addresses should be given, but ample provision made for prayer and general conversation about the great issues of life, with plenty of silence and periods of great music. Fortunately, the new long-playing records are wonderful and a wide selection is available. Corporate silence, corporate prayer, corporate attention to great music, provide God with opportunity, and God never misses an opportunity.

As a basis for our exploration, we are using these fourteen ways of finding and doing the will of God.

1. Reflect upon the character of God.
2. Saturate your mind with great passages from the Bible, especially with the record of the doings of Jesus.
3. Enjoy constant comradeship with our living Lord.
4. Expect guidance from the Holy Spirit.

5. Receive forgiveness and power in partaking of Holy Communion.
6. Be persistent in private prayer, family prayer, group prayer, and corporate worship in the sanctuary.
7. Experience human fellowship on the highest level.
8. Mellow your spirit by constant exposure to the power of silence, to great music, and to the beauty of nature.
9. Read great books and study the experiences of the noblest men and women of the race.
10. Seek understanding of the breadth and depth of the will of God in all phases of life, especially in the areas of social conflict.
11. Run the risks of doing what is right in God's sight, rather than take the consequences of doing what we know to be wrong.
12. Proceed with confidence in God, and joyously leave the results in his loving hands.
13. Experience eternal life in the midst of time.
14. Value every hour as of priceless worth, and make wise use of time.

If every pastor would frequently gather his people in unhurried prayer retreats, the natural result would be the multiplication of continuing prayer groups and a substantial increase in the spiritual vitality of the congregation.

Expect Great Things From God! Attempt Great Things For God!

A SPIRITUAL EXPLORATION

An Urgent Endeavor to Gain Insight and Power

Every thoughtful person is aware of the sickness of our society and the desperate needs of our people. Daily we encounter bewilderment, maladjustment, suspicion, fear, passion and conflict. What is an earnest Christian to do? How can he know what God wants him to do in specific situations, and how can he turn on God's power in the doing of his work.

Prompted by this realization of urgent need, a spontaneous movement has arisen in Southern California among ministers of many religious bodies who are planning a simultaneous search for answers to two questions: HOW CAN WE FIND THE WILL OF GOD? HOW CAN WE GET POWER TO DO IT?

They, with the cooperation of lay leaders, will inaugurate a series of unhurried PRAYER RETREATS on Sunday afternoons and evenings, perhaps alternating on Saturday afternoons and evenings. The local minister will meet successively with different groups of ten to thirty of his members for six or seven hours of prayer and conversation about these supremely important questions.

In some churches groups of ten to thirty individuals, different groups on successive Sundays, will remain for a simple dinner at the church after the morning service, or go to a home, and continue in prayer and conversation until six o'clock.

In some cases the minister will meet with a group at supper on a weekday and continue until ten o'clock. Can a minister use his time to better advantage than by setting aside one long evening per week for prayer and serious conversation with a different group each week?

The endeavor will be to enable lay members generally to enter into an experience somewhat comparable to that enjoyed by youth and adults who attend an institute or conference where they are lifted to a mountain-top experience of communion with God and fellowship with people, and return to their daily tasks with new vision and increased power.

COMMENDATION OF THE EXPLORATION

The simultaneous Spiritual Exploration is being commended to the ministers and churches of the nation by:

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Maurice G. Ballenger, Methodist Superintendent of San Diego District
Gene E. Bartlett, First Baptist Church, Los Angeles
Lester E. Bond, Kensington Community Congregational Church, San Diego
Russell E. Clay, First Methodist Church, Whittier
Clifford A. Cole, Executive Secretary, Christian Churches State Office
John W. Flucke, Morningside Evangelical and Reformed Church, Inglewood
Wesley P. Ford, Central Christian Church, Pasadena
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Allan A. Hunter, Mount Hollywood Congregational Church, Los Angeles
Albert E. Jenkins, St. Matthias Episcopal Church, Whittier
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THE NATURE OF THE SEARCH

This will be a search primarily not for answers to specific questions, but for WAYS of discovering what is right in God's sight in every relationship, and for POWER to live as God is yearning for us to live.

It is expected that during the weeks of these Prayer Retreats the minister will preach a series of sermons on these two questions.

In some cases the Retreats will be prepared for by visitation two by two to homes of members, interpreting the Exploration and enrolling individuals for the Retreats. Experiments will be made in enlisting youth groups, adult classes, women's societies, men's clubs and other agencies of the local church in the search. Indeed, these groups may come in a body to Prayer Retreats.

Various ways will be used in assembling the Prayer Retreat: (1) some ministers will begin with the church board divided into small groups on successive weeks, (2) some will bring together natural age groups, (3) some will give especial attention to Sunday School teachers and leaders of youth organizations, (4) some will endeavor to expose the entire church membership to the experience of an extended Prayer Retreat.

The Retreats are to be conducted by the minister of the local church, with the cooperation of several mature lay leaders. Several hours will be spent, not in a series of sermonettes, but in extended CONVERSATION about ways of finding and doing the will of God, with times of quietness and periods of listening to recordings of great music, WITH MUCH PRAYER, and the fellowship of a common meal. Perhaps a spacious HOME will be the best place for the Retreats. The search will not follow a common pattern. The leader will draw upon his own experience and follow his best judgment in conducting the prayer conversation.

THE EXPECTATION

It is expected that the Spiritual Exploration will (1) bring new vitality into the lives of those who take part, (2) increase the number and zest of continuing prayer-study groups which meet regularly, (3) establish the unhurried Prayer Retreat as a PERMANENT PART of the work of the local church, (4) be of great value to the minister also, (5) and in these ways, by deepening communion with God and bringing about warmer fellowship among members of the church, intensify desire to know and to do the will of God, bring clearer guidance from God, strengthen faith, instil courage and nurture perseverance.

PREPARATION

Wherever practicable, ministers who are to take part in the Exploration will meet previously in small groups for all-day conversation and prayer about ways of increasing the effectiveness of the common search. In Southern California such periods of fellowship are planned for July 23, July 30, August 6, August 13, September 10.

Some groups of ministers will spend a day together after it has been under way for three or four weeks, for an exchange of experiences and for the consideration of plans for the future. Such a period of fellowship is planned for October 29 at the First Methodist Church in Whittier.

The local minister may want to spend a day in a Prayer Retreat with lay leadership in preparation for the Spiritual Exploration.

TWO NEW BOOKS

Two little books are being written especially for the Spiritual Exploration by an interdenominational group composed of:

Gene E. Bartlett	Milton G. Gabrielson	Robert B. McAulay	Carl W. Segarhammar
Russell E. Clay	Owen M. Geer	Galen B. Ogden	Robert S. Vogel
John W. Flucke	Allan A. Hunter	Kirby Page	
Wesley P. Ford	Albert E. Jenkins	Ray W. Ragsdale	

One of these books is to be entitled THE WILL OF GOD: How Can We Find It and Get Power To Do It? with an Introduction by Bishop Gerald Kennedy. The other one is THE CHRISTIAN CITIZEN: Co-worker With God in Building the Good Society. These are to be 128-page, paper-bound books, and will sell for 35 cents. At this stage no date can be set for their publication.

MINISTERS WHO ARE PLANNING TO PARTICIPATE

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KIRBY PAGE'S RECORD OF OPPOSITION TO COMMUNISM

Because Kirby Page is constantly speaking and writing about ways of preventing war between the United States and Soviet Russia, the question is often raised: "Just what is his attitude toward Communism and the Russian dictatorship?"

In his book Living Prayerfully, pp. 97, 98, published in 1941, Kirby Page wrote: "Of the utmost importance is clear differentiation between the program advocated by socialist Christians for the achievement of mutuality, on the one hand, and the strategy of the Communist Party, on the other. Here are sharp contrasts:

	Leninism-Stalinism and Communist Party	Socialist Christians
Method of social change:	violent seizure of power through class war	peaceful change through persuasion, economic organization, and political action
Form of government:	dictatorship of the proletariat as long as necessary	parliamentary democracy through representatives elected by popular vote
Method of treating opponents:	liquidation; suppression to the extent required	freedom of speech, freedom of press, freedom of assembly, freedom of organization
Methods of acquiring public ownership of giant instruments of production and distribution:	confiscation without payment	purchase through right of eminent domain and payment of fair price
Attitude toward religion:	hostility and determined effort to uproot not only ecclesiastical institutions but also religious ideas	resolute determination to inaugurate Jesus' way of life in all relationships

With the utmost vigor we must resist the widespread tendency to lump together contrasting forms of social change and the habit of indiscriminate labeling of all forms of dissent from the status quo as "communism" or "subversive agitation". True followers of Jesus are under obligation to refrain from conformity to this world. So long as the present economic society falls far short of the ideal of Christ, his followers are obliged to dissent and to seek the basic changes required for the creation of a Christian social order.

In The World Tomorrow, November, 1928, Kirby Page published an article entitled "Why I Shall Vote for Norman Thomas," in which he said:

"The record of both major parties smells unto high heaven!... Consequently, I do not care to throw my vote away by voting for either Hoover or Smith... Fortunately, the Socialist platform and candidate are such as to deserve the enthusiastic support of liberals and radicals. The devices outlined in this platform and so ably interpreted by Norman Thomas seem to me to be indispensable to a peaceable transformation of the present social order. The surest way to bring about violent revolution is to attempt to perpetuate the reign of a financial oligarchy. It was the czars, not the Bolsheviks, who produced the Russian revolution. Sooner or later reaction leads to violence. The Communist party is frankly preparing for the day when it will overthrow the present system by violence. Communists look upon Norman Thomas as an impotent and blind leader of the blind. Indeed, he has suffered far more bitter revilement from their hands than from conservatives. Because I am a pacifist and repudiate all war, including the class war, and because drastic changes in the existing order are essential, I expect to support that party which offers most promise of accomplishing the desired result by pacific and constitutional means."(pp. 451, 452)

In 1933 Kirby Page published a book entitled Individualism and Socialism which was recommended by The Book-Of-the-Month Club. Two successive chapters in this volume were entitled: "A Socialist Program of Deliverance," and "A Socialist Critique of Communist Strategy." In this book, he wrote: "My religious pacifism is too deep-rooted to permit me to sanction or support warlike means of attempting to create a new society... Let us therefore repudiate the policy of violent seizure of power and the establishment of a proletarian dictatorship, and settle down to the difficult but highly promising business of changing the public mind and forging the economic and political instruments required for the building of a Socialist commonwealth." (pp. 123, 231)

In his book Religious Resources for Personal Living and Social Action, published in 1939, pp 82, 83, 85, Kirby Page wrote: "Competitive individualism and militaristic nationalism must be transformed into cooperative commonwealths banded together in mutual endeavor to serve the common good. Is there really any basis for hope that the required changes can be brought about without resort to civil war? Communists usually answer in the negative, while many of us who are socialist Christians hold the deep conviction that there is a sufficient possibility of success to justify maximum expenditures of energy. The social consequences of prolonged civil war in a highly industrialized nation would be devastating beyond imagination... My conclusion, then, is that the Socialist program of persuasion and social coercion through economic and political pressure is more consistent with religious idealism than any other method which offers hope of building a just social order; and that the Communist strategy of violent class war is pragmatically indefensible and morally unjustifiable... The quickest and most certain way to guarantee the emergence of a Fascist dictatorship in the United States is by creating a Communist Party that is strong enough to convince members of the middle class that they are about to be subjected to a reign of terror under a proletarian dictatorship."

In a review of America's Way Out: A Program for Democracy, by Norman Thomas, which was published in The World Tomorrow, April, 1931, Kirby Page wrote: "This volume would be repudiated by many orthodox Marxian

Socialists on the Continent, and would cause disgust and nausea in Moscow. The British Labor Party would regard it with sympathy and approval."

In his book The Will of God For These Days, published in 1945, Kirby Page wrote: "Communist political strategy is highly objectionable because it is directed toward the establishment of the dictatorship of the proletariat through the violent seizure of the means of production and through the liquidation of all opposition. At the present time the policies of the Socialist Party reflect non-violent mutuality in economic and political life far more completely than do the policies of other parties." (p. 114)

Kirby Page wrote, in The World Tomorrow, July 26, 1934: "A call has been issued by the American League Against War and Fascism for a Second United States Congress Against War and Fascism... This call again brings to the fore the question of the united front. Recent events have re-enforced the intensity of my conviction that it is unwise for pacifists and Socialists to work within organizations that are dominated by Communists and near-Communists... My conviction deepens that pacifists in general, and religious groups in particular, will do well to work with agencies that are in sympathy with their pacifism and their religion, and not fritter away their energies in vain attempts to secure effective co-operation with Communist and near-Communist organizations."

Kirby Page wrote Living Triumphantly in 1934, in which he said: "Under no circumstances will I participate in armed warfare, whether it be international or class warfare, and never will I approve of any kind of armed hostilities." (p. 69)

Kirby Page has thus written in his 1948 pamphlet What Does God Want Us To Do About Russia?: p. 8. "Reflect soberly upon what God sees in Russia. There a vast nation of 190 million people, scattered throughout an immense area embracing one-sixth of the habitable land of the globe, is governed by a ruthless dictatorship wielded by the Communist Party. Human life is cheap in Russia. All opponents of the totalitarian regime are liquidated. Class enemies are brutally persecuted and hounded to death or sent to the bitter cold of Siberia as slave laborers. Every phase of life is rigorously controlled from the Kremlin. The land swarms with secret police. The foreign policy of the Soviet Union is dangerously aggressive, and is belligerent because of the philosophy of life accepted by Communists. They call it scientific materialism and insist that it explains the nature of the universe. They believe that material substance and material force are the only realities which can be depended upon. They accept the economic interpretation of history and maintain that the property system is the decisive factor in determining human relations. They are committed to the class war and the revolutionary overthrow of capitalism by all necessary means."

In his pamphlet The Meek Shall Inherit the Earth, published in 1948, Kirby Page wrote: "The aggressiveness and ruthlessness of Soviet foreign policy makes it easy for Americans to put their trust in armed might. Russia is ruled by a dictatorship of the Communist party. Its leaders have long been schooled in violence and class war. Deceit and treachery are acknowledged weapons of combat. The Russian government works through Communist parties in other lands, and wherever possible destroys existing governments and establishes Communist dictatorships. The steady expansion of the Kremlin's

power over neighboring states is causing extreme apprehension throughout the earth. So obvious is the terrible guilt of Soviet leaders that it is unnecessary to devote more space to its demonstration." (p. 5)

In 1936, Kirby Page wrote a book Living Courageously, in which he said: "A disquieting sign of the times is found in the widespread circulation of "The Red Network," by Mrs. Elizabeth Dilling. This volume purports to be a who's who of subversive radicals and has become a standard reference work in conservative circles. Countless chairmen of program committees consult it before arranging their annual programs. For a speaker to be found listed is automatic disqualification in many institutions. Indeed, Mrs. Dilling intended the volume to be a black list. Here are her words: "Mention in this Who's Who will be regarded by those who are proud of their affiliations as a badge of honor, by those ashamed of them as a black list." Among the 1,300 individuals thus black-listed are the following: Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, Newton D. Baker, William Allen White, Senator Borah, Senator Costigan, Senator LaFollette, Senator Nye, Mayor LaGuardia of New York City, the late Jane Addams, Harry Emerson Fosdick, the late S. Parkes Cadman, Norman Thomas, President Glenn Frank, President William Allan Nielson, Edward A. Filene, Bishop Francis J. McConnell, President Robert Maynard Hutchins. Concerning Mahatma Gandhi the statement is made that he was "subsidized by Moscow as a first step in freeing India from England in order to Sovietize it." Among the organizations black-listed are these: American Friends Service Committee, Catholic Association for International Peace, National Catholic Welfare Conference, Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, Congregational Education Society, Y. M. C. A., Y. W. C. A., Socialist Party, Fellowship of Reconciliation, National Council for the Prevention of War, and the Cooperative League of the U. S. A. That this utterly unreliable book should be used so widely and with such veneration in attacking even liberal critics of the present social order is proof of the extreme gullibility of human beings." (p. 38)